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# Allies Prepare Slaughter In Java And Indo-China

By Joseph Hansen

The drive of Allied imperialism to crush the rising colonial movement for independence in the Far East continued this week on the two fronts of Indo-China and Java. In both lands the imperialists sought a "truce" with nationalist forces. The Allied strategy clearly falls in the same general pattern Churchill used so effectively in Greece last year. That is, trap the nationalist forces into passivity while the imperialists prepare to suppress the @

movement for national inde-

landings at Batavia. Some 1,700 have been armed. Another 10,-000 Dutch troops are now en route from "Europe and America," according to a Netherland Socialist Workers Party, which posed upon the Negro people has diplomatic spokesman in Aus- is running Louise Simpson, young been its disfranchisement and tralla. A contingent of 6,500 Negro trade unionist as the deprivation of political rights. Dutch troops were scheduled to Trotskyist candidate for City sail for Java on October 8. A scheduled to leave Britain to join of Manhattan to designate Ben- public life. two Dutch cruisers and four sub- jamin J. Davis, candidate of the bor. Dutch officials are like- ond choice. nationalists. It is self-evident kyist Party (ballot designation action. that Dutch imperialism plans a of the Socialist Workers Party)

Already British forces are in Manhattan. control of Batavia. They are utilizing Japanese troops to help been in the forefront of the hatred, exploitation and oppressuppress the nationalists. A struggle for full economic, po- sion. As the record conclusively London dispatch declared Octo- litical and social equality for ra- demonstrates, the candidates of ber 3 that "Fifty persons were cial and national minorities, and these two capitalist parties are killed and 150 wounded in a above all for the Negro people obliged to serve the interests of clash at Batavia between Jap- who constitute the largest single the ruling class and thereby (Continued on Page 3)

## In Java, the British made four The SWP's Stand liberated Dutch prisoners of war have been armed. Another 10,-

minority group. An integral

The New York Local of the part of the discrimination im-

"We fight for the democratic Council in the New York elec- right of representation for the Netherlands destroyer is also tions, is calling upon the voters Negro people in all spheres of

"The Negro people can achieve marines already in Batavia's har- Communist Party, as their sec- their just demand for full equality only by breaking decisively wise negotiating for sufficient In the following statement is- with the capitalist political parshipping from the Allied pool to sued on October 8, campaign ties responsible for upholding transport 43,000 Dutch troops for manager Caroline Kerry ex- the Jim Crow system and taking and AFL against the fascist Geraction against the Indonesian plained the action of the Trots- the road of independent political

"The Democratic and Repubfrightful blood-letting in Java in endorsing Davis as the sec- lican parties are the chief politito retain its hated colonial rule. ond choice for councilman in cal instruments through which the ruling capitalist class per-"We Trotskyists have always petuates discrimination, race (Continued on Page 7)

### Detroit Police Attack Anti-Fascists



CIO auto union flying squadron members and other unionists resisting police attempts to break their picket line of over 1,000 workers protesting a meeting of America's No. 1 Fascist, G. L. K. Smith, in a Detroit high school on Setember 27,

## Stalinists Whitewash **Detroit Police Terror**

peacefully picketing a meeting ists. here of Fascist Gerald L. K. Smith, was presented Friday night by Ernest Mazey, UAW Briggs Local 212 executive board member, to the Region 1 conference of CIO auto union locals, high school on September 27. their provoking the police by but was tabled through a maneuver by leading Stalinists. The

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The Stalinists were completely Lacking control over the militant | provocative slogans, etc." workers from the various UAW locals who formed the back-bone of the anti-fascist picket line

#### STALINIST ATTACK

own steering committee and fending the fascists.

Stalinists sought to white-wash gave their own orders." He comand industry-wide negotiations DETROIT, Oct. 1 - A resolu- the police and denounced in- plained in a rage that Arthur and uniform-contracts. tion denouncing the Detroit Po- stead the Trotskyists as "super- Burch, Socialist Workers Party lice Department for its brutal as- militants" responsible for the organizer, played a leading part sault on unarmed unionists mass picket line against the fasc- in the anti-fascist demonstra-

These Stalinist remarks were shaken by the collapse of their made in the discussion of their plans to maintain only a token amendment to Mazey's resolupicket line across the street from | tion-an amendment against the Smith's fascist rally in a Detroit | "super-militant Trotskyites for

#### EXPOSE THEMSELVES

and unable to prevent mass pick- made his vicious attack on the eting, the Stalinists aided the leaders of the mass anti-fascist club-wielding cops to pick out picket line, his supporters offered the leading militants for vicious a motion to table the entire resolution in order to prevent Mazey and other auto militants who played a prominent part in Nat Ganley, notorious Stalin- the picketing from taking the ist hatchetman in the UAW. de- floor and exposing the treacherfended the police actions by com- ous role of the Stalinists. Nevertheless, the Stalinists had conplaining that "the Trotskyites firmed by their own words that shouted provocative slogans." that Trotskyists were in the Fred Williams, Stalinist member vanguard of the struggle against 8 of the Wayne County CIO Coun- Smith while the Stalinists had g cil, wailed that "they had their aided the police who were de-

#### S.W.P. Issues Call To Block Fascists

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 8 .-The Socialist Workers Party today called on organized labor here to "set up machin-ery" to meet Fascist G. L. K. Smith's threat to again invade this area, and urged immediate preparations "to mobilize all labor and minority forces for mass picketing of any meeting" Smith "dares to hold in Los Angeles."

In telegrams to various labor bodies and other organizations, the SWP pointed to the example of Detroit labor, stating, "One thousand CIO and AFL pickets blockaded the Smith meeting in Detroit last week despite short notice and brutal police interfer-

## **Buffalo CIO Votes Action Against Smith**

Special to THE MILITANT BUFFALO, N. Y .- Amid coniderable applause, a motion calling for united action of the CIO ald L. K. Smith was passed unanimously at the Buffalo CIO Council meeting Tuesday, September 18. This motion was introduced by Marie Plassman, delegate from Bell Local 501 CIO. United Automobile Workers

She pointed out that articles in the local papers had revealed that Smith, sneaking into the city without a word of publicity, had held two meetings on the previous Sunday. These meetings were held under the auspices of the "Buffalo Economics League," a local fascist group.

#### LOS ANGELES EXAMPLE

Sister Plassman then told the Council how the effort of Smith to recruit followers to his antilabor fascist outfit in Los Angeles was given a severe setback by the united action of the labor movement of that city.

"The CIO Council must be on the alert for further visits of Smith or other fascists and must initiate united labor action Buffalo," she concluded.

While they commend the CIO Council here for its stand on this matter, alert unionists are bearing in mind that the Council is dominated by the Stalinists. They point out that if an effective fight against native fascism is to be organized here as elsewhere, it will be up to the progressive and militant workers in the unions to take the lead. The fascists can be smashed, they maintain, only by united and militant action of the work-(Continued on Page 2)

## 60,000 AFL Lumber Men **Out On Strike**

Special to THE MILITANT SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 4 major industry are going into the U.S. Lines docks. third week of their strike with unabated militancy. They demand a minimum industry-wide wage of \$1.10 an hour instead of the prevailing 721/2 cents to 85 cents minimum; a 20 cents an hour increase "across the board:"

The SLW scored its first victory in the strike on September 29, when the Siler Mill Company of Seattle, principal provider of fish boxes for Seattle packers, signed a contract embodying all the union's wage demands. However, the lumber workers are prepared for a long siege. "We are prepared to carry the strike into the spring of 1946 if necessary", stated E. C. Jorgensen, business agent of SLW Seattle, Local 2519.

#### Immediately after Williams

GET WILD SUPPORT The strike is receiving the full support of the Pacific Coast Metal Trades Council, the Sailors militants for whose reinstate- to the strikers on October 1, com-

#### Union of the Pacific, the Washington State Building Trades reached an agreement with UAW work at once and disregard Council, and the Brotherhood of Carpenters. These unions are des to call a membership meet- Hayes plant"-that is, to cross complying with the SLW's decision that all lumber from the the men to return to work. In seniority will be protected by the strike-bound seven state area became "hot cargo" September

Especially helpful has been the (Continued on Page 2) been given by Lester Downey,

# Labor Strike Upsurge Reaches New Heights

"Let's Negotiate, Gentlemen"



# **NEW YORK LONGSHOREMEN** FIGHT FOR SAFE LOADS

By F. J. Lang

NEW YORK, Oct. 6-The world's largest port has been to counteract such activities in paralyzed for the past six days by the first work stoppage of longshoremen here since 1919. Some 60,000 stevedores represented by 41 locals of the AFL International Long- Relief For The Greedy shoremen's Association, are involved.

Kelsey-Hayes Unit Conducts

Courageous 6-Week Battle

Special to THE MILITANT

By Kay O'Brien

After a magnificent six-week urer, in his statement today that

battle against the combined pres- under no circumstances would

sure of the automotive industry, the three fired men ever work for

members of UAW Local 174, to- lowed the combined efforts of the

It is reported that the strike break the picket line. UAW Pres-

leaders, including the three fired ident R. J. Thomas, in a letter

ment the strike was called, manded them to 'return to

THOMAS' ORDER

Withdrawal of the pickets fol-

company and UAW officials to

(Continued on Page 2)

the government and the top of- the company again.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 5- Kelsey-Hayes secretary treas-

All work, except for the pro-9-

DEMAND SAFE LOAD

However, the size of the slingloads had not yet been fixed. This is the principal demand of the men. Since no load limit was specified in the proposed new contract, the stevedores refused to build loads in excess of the safe limit of a long ton, or 2,240

The harbor tie-up started when stevedoring companies refused to hire ILA Local 791 members unless sling-loads running More than 60,000 AFL Sawmill as high as 6,000 pounds were sent and Lumber Workers Union out of the ships holds at the Cunmembers in the Northwest's ard White Star, Grace Line and

GERST'S STATEMENT Jack Gerst, Secretary of Local an exclusive interview that "the

ficials of the CIO United Auto-

mobile Workers, the striking

4,500 Kelsey-Hayes workers,

day withdrew their picket lines.

mised to try to negotiate the 174."

reinstatement of the fired men.

visioning of troop transports, was longshoremen went to work at tion of Manufacturers, revealed: brought to a standstill on Oc- the 8 a. m. shape-up last Monday "The Administration and Contober 1 by a lockout initiated in and made a weight draft of the midst of negotiations for a 2,240 pounds. Around 11 a. m. on the tax problem . . . Outright new long-shore contract. In the officials of the stevedore com- repeal of the excess profits tax course of these negotiations the panies questioned the men on the is generally predicted . . . a reemployers had reached tentative 2,240 pounds draft and asked duction in the corporate rate agreement with Joseph P. Ryan, who ordered that amount of likewise is expected." weight in the draft.

"The men replied, 'This is the safe weight draft we will work under.' The officials then told the stevedores that they would have to put more weight in the II failed last evening and after draft, otherwise they would not twenty-two days of almost conbe brought back to work at the tinual meetings the Foreign 1 p. m. shape-up. This is ex- Ministers of the five greatest Alactly what happened." lied powers could agree only to

When members of Local 791 terminate their present session." were not hired, other longshore (N. Y. TIMES, Oct. 3.) , locals were also faced with lockout because they too could not work under the unsafe conditions of over-limit loads. Thus, Local 791 and its business agent, Gene Sampson, found employergovernment pressure for a backto-work movement centered upon

791, today told this reporter in yesterday morning in the Cath-(Continued on Page 8

## gress appear in close harmony

Agreed At Last "LONDON, Oct. 3-The first peace conference of World War Of SKF Trust

A recent issue of "NAM News."

Poor Parasites the Argentina at Le Havre, ous France, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor gave a press interview. Said the Duchess: "I'm dying to see the French fashions, but I September 27 with a sit-At a large overflow meeting will not be able to buy anything down at the company's num--it is much too expensive."

Sacrifice Profits, Too?

Billionaire John D. Rockefeller, Jr., told a business men's the plants are shut tight. An luncheon at the Hotel Waldorf- angry and determined union Astoria in New York, Oct. 1, "Un- membership meeting on Saturless we want peace as we want- day, September 29, held at the ed victory, more than anything Kensington Labor Lyceum, unelse in life, enough to make any animously voted to carry on the sacrifice for it, we may just as strike against the SKF until the well begin now to prepare for company agrees to settle the 700 the next war."

Needs Bigger Drawers

"The President is approaching the time when it no longer will be possible to file his troubles MILITANT PICKETING in the bottom drawer of the Presidential desk and expect them to solve themselves as time passes. The present White House trou-States News, Oct. 5.)

War For "Democracy"

Secretary Treasurer George Ad- any interference at any Kelseying Sunday when they will advise the picket line. He added, "Your return, Addes is said to have pro- international union and by Local Two days later, when the ranks ness this first peace parley made its number one demand. The company's answer to appeared disinclined to follow the 1919 Paris peace conference

## **WORKERS FACE** GOVERNMENT **STRIKEBREAKING**

Last week saw American labor's militant coast-to-coast strike up-

surge sweep to new heights as well over half a million workers in virtually every industry battled for their rights on the picket lines. Millions have already been involved in the intensifying labor struggle that exploded with the termination of the war.

Among major strikes in progress last week were some 150,-000 soft coal miners, 60,000 northwest AFL lumber workers, more than 40,000 CIO oil workers, some 60,000 New York area longshoremen, a four-hour protest stoppage of nearly 200,000 long-lines telephone operators. The full list is too numerous to

#### BITTER STRUGGLES

These strikes are not episodic affaire. Many are nationwide in scope, engulfing whole industries. They are spreading rapidly into every center, large and small, of production and commerce. In many instances, they are bitter and prolonged, determinedly defying frantic efforts of the corporations, government and top union officials

to halt them Whether the union officials sanction these walkouts or not the workers are taking strike action on their own initiative, distrusting any other method of winning their just demands except their own militant mass action. And every strike arouses demonstrations of solidarity from organ of the National Associa- volved.

WHY THE STRIKES

The workers know that the corporations looted the country (Continued on Page 8)

## Strikers Resist **Union-Busting**

Special to THE MILITANT

By M. Garber

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 4 .-The most popular strike in this city is being carried on by Local 2898, CIO United Steel Workers, against the On their recent arrival aboard SKF Industries, the infaminternational rollerbearing trust. The strike, which started Thursday, ber one plant, has now spread to encompass all three plants in the Philadelphia area.

All 3,500 workers are out and grievances gathering dust in futile arbitration procedures, while the company continues a steady union-busting war against the

The present strike started when the company, in utter disregard of seniority, transferred a non-union set-up man from bles are tending to grow with Plant 3 to Plant 1. Some 1,500 time, not to diminish." (United workers in Plant 1 reacted to the company provocation by a sitdown, which lasted until Friday, September 28. In addition, the Scripps-Howard international workers were further incensed political commentator Wm. Phil- by the firing of a union stewip Simms on September 27 sum- ard. The union at its Saturday med up the first five-power strike meeting declared the re-"peace" conference: "For sordid- instatement of the steward as

Since Monday, picket lines action of the Sailors Union, Addes' negotiations has already such instructions. Edward Cote, look like a thing of sweetness and have been established around (Continued on Page 2)

# Detroit SWP Opens Campaign For Frankensteen TRADE UNION NOTES

By John Saunders and Art Preis

DETROIT, Oct. 3 .- The Detroit local of the Socialist Workers Party this week opened an all-out campaign in support of Detroit's labor candidates, Richard T. Frankensteen for mayor, and Tracy M. Doll, George Edwards and Rev. Charles A. Hill for Common Council.

Thousands of printed cards are being distributed inviting the | nificance of Frankensteen's camworkers to hear Arthur Burch, paign and the labor response to Detroit SWP organizer, give a it, when it reported: "Monday's series of three radio addresses Labor Day celebration will proon "Why Trotskyists Support vide the kickoff in the final lap Detroit's Labor Candidates." He of the contest for Mayor of Dewill speak over station WXYZ troit. CIO unions are stressing on Saturdays, 11:45 a.m., October the political campaign in their 20 and 27, and November 3.

The forthcoming municipal in the parade." elections are expected to be the CAPITALIST PRESS most important political event a labor party.

#### LABOR SUPPORT

Understanding the real implisupport for Frankensteen, it has strongest support. made clear, is based not on his PROPAGANDA LIES personal policies or record, but In spite of Frankensteen's conon the fact that he is a genuine duct and lack of a fighting prounion representative in a non- gram for labor, the workers are partisan race and is backed of- rallying to him in such a degree ficially by the CIO and auto that the capitalists are desperate.

ed his candidacy, the Detroit among the workers by making werkers, anxious to use any it seem that he doesn't have a appropriate opportunity to ex- chance. The bosses represent candidate. A spontaneous labor "chances." But they know full political upsurge was precipitated well that the desire for indeand his campaign was speedily pendent labor political action is converted into a labor campaign part and parcel of the present with the endorsement of numer- militant spirit of the workers in South Texas as militant and stay home and stay off the pick- tify themselves as "veterans from ous leading CIO locals and the and is Frankensteen's greatest progressive District 4 of the CIO et line." CIO-PAC.

#### BRITISH LABOR VICTORY

"inside dope" boys who predictis apathetic," Frankensteen won than any capitalist politician." the mayoralty nomination in the August 7 primaries, getting 14,-000 more votes than his nearest Jeffries, whose police recently that the local Wayne County up American Liberty, Pan-Am clubbed unionists picketing Fascist G. L. K. Smith's meeting.

crystallizing the independent la- the Frankensteen band-wagon picket lines at Sinclair, Shell and bor political action movement and endorse him. This is an at- Crown here at Houston. behind Detroit's labor candi- tempt to blur the fact that a 21,000 ARE OUT dates was the victory of the labor candidate can win without politics.

#### WEAK CANDIDATE

terests who are yelling that the Sept. 20.) CIO plans to "take over" the city. he is a union man and a genu- but only compromise him. ine labor candidate and because TROTSKYIST SUPPORT they want a class political party and program.

the personal popularity among the Trotskyists. Their opposities auto workers, because of his tion to Frankensteen's policies in Huge Standard Plant retten role as a UAW vice-presi- the union is well known. The dent. He has repeatedly inter- fact that the Trotskyists can vened against striking workers support him solely on the and consistently opposed mili- grounds that he is a labor cantant policies against the prof- didate will undoubtedly reinforce iteering, union-busting auto cor- the convictions of the best unperations. Nevertheless, the bulk ionists that they should back the huge refinery of the Stand- around the Standard plant at 11 ion. of the auto workers, who are Frankensteen despite his bad and Oil Company at Whiting yesadvanced in their political thinkunion record, and thereby ading; are backing him primarily vance one important step furto express their desires for inde- ther—the movement for inde- shift of 3,000 workers was pre- full battle array, including rifle pendent labor political action. pendent labor political action vented from entering the plant and machine gun detachments, take a secret ballot strike vote, tember 3, reflected the class sig- party.

floats and signs to be carried

The capitalist press, well unin the history of Detroit labor derstanding that Frankensteen's and will have significant na- strength lies precisely in the fact tional repercussions. Labor in that he is a labor candidate, has this city, center, of the mighty been deliberately baiting him CIO auto workers, may well set with the charges that he is a in motion a nation-wide move- "CIO candidate," "Do You Want ment towards the formation of The CIO To Run City Hall?" and implying he does not represent the interests of the AFL, etc. Frankensteen has snapped cations of this election, the SWP at this bait, loudly proclaiming he is "not a labor candidate." is throwing its full weight be-hind the labor candidates. Its

The capitalist line now is to When Frankensteen announc- attempt to spread pessimism

assurance of victory. common sentiment expressed plant after plant in the heart of Confounding all the capitalist here among the workers is that the country's main oil-producing "any union man in the mayor's ed a scanty vote because "labor office would be better for us

## DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT

Democratic Party, which is a and Republic at Texas City, and mere hollow shell today, was Locals 227 and 367 are busy Of particular significance in compelled to jump belatedly on educating the oil barons on the

will claim credit. Thus, the capitalist press represented this move as "an atproved a weak candidate, taken strength at a time when his maystrictly on his personal merits. oralty bid has suffered a severe He readily succumbed to the set back due to uncontrolled clamor of the big business in- strikes." (Detroit Free Press,

The most informed and po-Frankensteen has gone around litically conscious union mili- set up before plant gates and and will quiver every time they union contract on one pretext afdeclaring he is "not a labor can- tants know that it is because are serving coffee, doughnuts, see a workmen's committee ter another, trying first to rid didate" but a candidate of "all Frankensteen has a great chance sandwiches and cigarettes to the heading for the office!"

An important, if not decisive An important, if not decisive element, in a possible Franken- Massed Pickets Halt Further, Frankensteen has lit- steen victory, is the support of The Detroit Free Press, Sep- and the formation of a labor by a mass picket line of striking were assembled in Gary, Fort they proceeded to such a vote on

### Kelsey-Hayes Strikers Silence Thomas



Over 2,000 Kelsey-Hayes strikers booing and jeering United Automobile Workers President R. J. Thomas at a mass meeting in Detroit. Thomas was silenced by the angry workers when he issued a strikebreaking order for them to go back to work. Here he is shown pleading as the workers storm up to the platform.

# Texas CIO Oil Strikers Wage press their desires for independent labor political action, began to rally around him as their own

Oil Workers International Un-Despite all this propaganda, a ion continues shutting down

At this writing, OWIU Locals on Texaco, Atlantic, Gulf and labor victory in the elections thur area. Local 449 has sewed

Special to THE MILITANT | side in spite of instructions from phoned threats. These anony-HOUSTON, Texas, Sept. 29.- some backward union officials mous phone calls are made by Oil worker history is being made that the Negro workers are "to individuals who invariably iden-

#### OPPOSED PUSSYFOOTING

opposition to the policy of the opposition to the policy of the international officials, as stated Unit Conducts 23 and 254 have nailed the lid by OWIU Vice-President A. R. Kinstley, who wanted the strike limited to "only" the Pure Oil Brave Battle So great is the boss fear of a Neches Butane in the Port Ar- limited to "only" the Pure Oil District 6, which would set an "example to the others" who would "follow the precedent set when the (Indiana) strike was

Against the instructions of OWIU President O. A. Knight to cope with the strike, became em-Bulk plants of all of these, in Management conference in Chither inspired the trend in the direction of independent labor direction of independent labor will claim credit.

In the event of a Frank- and Cities Service, are also the pin on the militant Texas struck and all pipe lines have walkout. T. M. McCormick, plants Circuit Judge Ferguson ceased flowing. Better than Chairman of the District 4 Stra- used the UAW officials' actions 21,000 enthusiastic strikers are tegy Committee and Local 449 to justify his issuance of the ininforming the corporations that secretary, informed the interna- junction, always a dangerous Frankensteen himself has tempt to bulwark Frankensteen's they mean business when they tional in Chicago that "District anti-labor weapon. say "52 For 40 Or Fight!"-for 4 is coming down all the way." the 40-hour week with no re- He is reported to have stated: Militant, Chester (Moon) Mulduction in weekly take-home pay. "We'll make this strike so ter- lins, strike leader and one of the Morale is high among the rible to the companies that fired men, pointed out that the

the people." This does not help for victory that the Democratic strikers. Despite company re- Native fascist groups, such as ers. Last spring the company his chances with the overwhelm- machine is trying to hang on to quests, police have so far re- "Fight for Free Enterprise" and took advantage of an incident, ing majority of the Detroit pop- labor's coat-tails and to prevent frained from interfering with the Christian Americans, which in which two obnoxious foremen ulace. The union members and a clean break. This endorse- the canteens. It is a wonderful are financed by the wealthy were ejected by some of the their families will support ment, however, will not help sight in this Southern area to anti-labor interests in this area, workers, to fire 13 union leaders. Frankensteen precisely because Frankensteen with the workers, see white and Negro workers in have attempted to intimidate oil

A Correction

gasoline in the Chicago area, ticle on the Zionist protest rally the strikers. Collections were

Special to THE MILITANT

By John A. McClure

terday morning, when the day state militia. Various units in

massed almost two thousand ernor ordered martial law.

and three deep behind the cars.

the demand to a conciliator of

the U.S. Department of Labor.

and under the existing contract

his decision is binding on both

parties.

less than a week.

increase. But it merely referred of wage cuts."

cars bumper to bumper around Under this pressure the lead-

(Continued from Page 1) president of Local 174, of which Kelsey-Hayes is a unit, further urged that the picket line be crossed and broken.

The Kelsey-Hayes manage-"hold off until after the Labor- boldened by this action of the inplants. Circuit Judge Ferguson

strikers. Canteens have been they'll never want another one company had held up signing a the plant of militant union lead-

A panel of the Detroit regional many places picketing side by union leaders here with tele- WLB which investigated the case recommended the reinstatement of all the fired men. On August 20, four months after the incident, the regional WLB ruled that four of the men, one of whom has since left town, should not be reinstated, although the three remaining, including Mullins, were admittedly not involved in the scuffle with the foreman. HAMMOND, Ind., Sept. 30 .- | The Oil Workers International The strike was called against an Striking oil workers closed down Union withdrew the picket line obvious move to behead the un-

When Thomas told the strikers

"That's what makes the men so sore," said Mullins. "We did the Standard Oil plant starting ers of the Oil Workers Union de- everything according to the un-"We won a great victory in steps which our union officials A number of night shift work- closing the Whiting refinery," asked us to take. There was nothers in the Standard plant who said Marshall Elmore, president ing left for us to do but strike."

belong to the CIO joined the of Local 513 of the Oil Workers The return-to-work pressure An independent union holds this fortress of company union- pany locked out 50,000 workers the bargaining rights in the ism could be shut down. We on the phony pretext the Kel-Standard plant. It has made did it. The Oil Workers are sey-Hayes tie-up prevented Ford the same wage demands as the more determined than ever to from getting needed parts. The and on September 30 by edict

# The extension of the oil strikes in this key area developed in Kelsey-Hayes

LESSON NUMBER ONE British Labor Party, which furties. In the event of a Frank
Cities Service are also the militant Teves

Bulk plants of all of these, in Management conference in Cities Service are also the militant Teves

Management conference in Cities Service are also the militant Teves

ternational union. Yesterday it the non-union employe appointdate of the non-union employe appointdate of the democratic rights of

Speak on

they could not get international support because they did not workers from five other refiner- Wayne, South Bend, Wabash, August 30, upholding strike acies in the Calumet area which Muncle and Lafayette, in readi- tion by 1036 to 213. Still the inhave been closed for two weeks. ness to proceed to Whiting to ternational refused to author-The hundreds of pickets break the picket lines if the Gov- ize the strike.

at 3:30 a.m. Saturday. The strik- cided to withdraw the picket ion constitution and the by-laws ers then formed a solid line two lines around the Standard plant. of Local 174. We took all the as the Stalinists preach.

Union. "Nobody thought that was terrific. Ford Motor Com- fale is evidence of this. But since CIO, for a thirty per cent wage fight the Standard Oil program UAW international executive ities. His avowed aim is to smash board appointed an administra- the unions and persecute mintor over the Kelsey-Hayes unit ority groups. removed from office the unit's his return. Militant unionists IWA. It has been called to our at- elected 17-man executive board. here realize that a real united tention that in the October 6 'Wide-spread rank and file sup- front of all labor organizations

## **Strikers Resist Union-Busting** Of SKF Trust

(Continued from Page 1) SKF's three plants. Outside of the office staff and foremen, only 12 misguided workers managed to sneak by the pickets. The main fight is being carried on at the No. 1 plant, Erie and Front Sts. Carrying banners announcing their grievances and condemning the company's antiunion policies, the pickets effectively closed the two main entrances to the plant.

The banners boldly proclaimed the workers' feelings against the teers," were some of the banners carried by the workers.

#### COMPANY PROPAGANDA

The company, faced with the complete shut-down of its plants and the solidarity of its 3,500 men and women employes, resorted to the old gag of a statement in the local press announcing the closing of its plants until, as the hypocritical language of the statement declares, "a complete change in the attitude of union representatives . . . makes it possible for the company to reopen its plants."

The union replied with a statement headed: "A Rebuttal to Vicious Lies and Unfair Labor Propaganda Spread by SKF. The union charged that the comany has been carrying on an incessant drive since 1934, to reconstitute its company union in its plants. It is this unionbusting campaign which brought about the present strike and not any unreasonable demands on the part of the union. The union, in its statement, clearly puts forward the issues of the strike in a question directed to William A. Batt, president of SKF and a high official in the administration of President Truman: "Why does Mr. Batt tolerate such antiunion activity by the executives of the company?"

in violation of the contract shall half of the democratic rights of be removed. 2. That the dismissed steward be reinstated. week when Thomas and the oth-3. Immediate contractual dis- er UAW leaders bureaucraticalposal of grievances and arbitra- ly ordered the removal from of-

The local union leadership, under its earnest, hard - working president, Steve Root, has shown

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good understanding of the issues involved in the fight against the roller-bearing trust. It is to be hoped that they show an equal understanding in dealing with the representative of the Bureau of Conciliation, which is attempting to mediate the strike.

on the picket line. With the the Columbia River basin. In strike now therefore plays into continued solidarity and deter- spite of Dave Beck's announce- the hands of the lumber bosses. mination so far shown by the SKF workers, there can be but one conclusion to this basic fight -complete union victory.

## **Buffalo CIO Votes Action Against Smith**

(Continued from Page 1) ers and not by relying upon capitalist politicians and "friends,"

Smith is moving cautiously after the setback he received from the Los Angeles workers. The way he sneaked into Bufhe got away with two meetings here, it is expected that he surely will return to continue his capitalist-financed fascist activ-

Buffalo labor must prepare for last major source of supply of issue of The Militant, our ar-

Militant labor action against

By Joseph Keller

The "Red" Scare Begins | The Stalinist leaders of CIO

"Trotskvism" is becoming the big "red"-scare bugaboo used by labor's enemies in their intensified campaign to smear and disrupt the present strike struggles of the American workers.

Last week we commented on the attempt of "pro-labor" Victor Riesel, N. Y. Post columnist, to represent the current Detroit auto strikes as nothing more than the doings of a "handful of Trotskyites" who want "immediate revolution."

The notorious George E. Sokolesky, rabidly anti-labor columnist, has also taken up the hue and cry. In his September 28 blood-soaked international trust, (N. Y. Sun) column, titled "The which has sucked profits out of Enemy Within," Sokolsky comworkers on both sides of the war: plains: "Strikes are mounting "Denazify SKF;" "This is not in number and in seriousness. Sweden, SKF, This is America;" Some are not even authorized by World War No. 3-Labor vs. their international unions. Some Concentration Camp Manage- are definitely political in charment;" "Industrial Democracy acter as when a Trotskyist union of the way and said, 'We are vs. Industrial Dictatorship or in Detroit strikes against a mix-The People vs. Post-War Profi- ed Social Democratic-Communist union."

gibberish. And he knows it. He'd er getting through, they looked have a tough time showing an instance where any Detroit deserted with the exception of strike is being conducted for any five misguided souls. At this reason other than to win some point the photographer was set long-delayed and just demands to take a picture of one of the from the corporations.

Sokolsky's invention is intended merely to smear the current another union picket line. strike struggles with some good old-fashioned red baiting. The Trotskylsts, whose record for line, we explained to them trade union militancy is well through our loud speaker sysknown, make the handlest whip- tem that we had unbounded conping-boys for the Sokolskys fidence in the rank and file of

'Savior" Of Democracy Michigan's Governor Kelly put on the garb of a savior of democracy when he intervened against the striking Kelsey-Hayes workers in Detroit. He claimed that he had "heard" that "not more than 25 per cent" of the workers favored the strike and he was going to find out "if it really is the will and wish of government.'

Kelly didn't have to wait long of more than 2,000 Kelsey-Hayes strikers booed R. J. Thomas and other top CIO United Automobile Workers officials off the The statement concludes with platform when they tried to order the strikers back to work.

the Kelsey-Hayes workers last fice of 17 elected Kelsey-Hayes unit officers.

## Despite their alleged "left"

ers did their anti-labor chore ernment management, who he for Westinghouse Electric Cor- alleged "engaged in acts of vioporation against the militant 20- lence" during the 1942 strike. In day strike of the Federation of short, McNear would agree only Westinghouse Independent Sala- to fire whomever he pleased and ried Unions which ended on Sep- impose any conditions he saw

United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Local 601, representing the Westinghouse production workers in the struck East Pittsburgh plant, tried to break the strike and went so far as an attempt to crash the picket lines, John H. Dillon, spokesman for the "white collar" strikers, described the Stalinist ac-

September 25. He stated: "It is a fundamental rule of all bona fide unions to respect the picket lines of all other bona fide unions, but on Monday acting vice president Marshall Daugherty of the UE-CIO, together with recording secretary Willam Harper and divisional stewards Wilkins and Panzino, assembled some 200 members of their union and led them right up to our picket lines. William Harper then told our pickets to get out coming through.'

tions in a radio broadcast on

"The four UE-CIO officers then made a spectacular charge Of course, Sokolsky is talking through the picket lines and aftback and found their army had rarest of shameful phenomenaone group of union men crossing

"Here was history in the making-but before they entered our UE-CIO, Local 601, though we knew what some of their officers would do.

"It was heart warming to see them stop, listen to our talk and then not only refuse to cross our lines, but later the maintenance crews refused to enter the plant even with our blessing and special passes."

#### Peoria Rail Strike

Three and a half years ago, the majority of the strikers" to the Roosevelt administration continue to "strike against the "seized" the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad to halt a wartime strike when the line's presto find out. Three days later, on ident, open-shopper George P. September 28, a mass meeting McNear Jr., refused to carry out government orders respecting a union contract.

> Last week the government returned control of the railroad to McNear, whose profits had come in regularly during the "seizure" but who had never come to agreement with the union. romntly the 13 union line took a strike vote which passed overwhelmingly.

The unions had asked McNear to continue in effect the conditions maintained by the government. He agreed to do so only insofar as these conditions "are Stalinist Strikebreaking applicable to the railroad's operations" and also refused to turn, the Stalinist strikebreak- employ those working under gov-

## 60,000 Lumber Strikers Fight For Wage-Increases

(Continued from Page 1)

ment that the AFL Teamsters The Sawmill and Lumber will not comply with the SLW's Workers is seeking to close down "hot cargo" ruling, rank and file all lumber operations in the teamsters have refused to cross Northwest and to that end has the lumber workers' picket lines. placed picket lines around CIO TWO RIVAL UNIONS

The strike is unfortunately IWA men.

weakened by the conflict of two rival lumber workers unions. The CIO International Woodworkers call for a united fight of both unof America, with a membership lons against the lumber bosses, in the Northwest of 40,000, is and in this manner to pave the demanding a 25 cents an hour way for overcoming of bitter in-'across the board" increase and ter-union conflicts. \$1.15 hourly minimum. The IWA membership has voted to go out SHAMEFUL ACTION. on strike if necessary to enforce | The IWA officialdom's reacthese demands. However, to date tion to the AFL pickets has been the leadership of the IWA has is- shameful and in marked contrast sued no call for a strike.

have extended their moral sup- both unions throughout the port to the AFL strike. But they common wage fight, it has gone continually misrepresent the to court to enjoin SLW picketstrike as one merely involving in- ing of CIO operations, and under dustry-wide negotiations, which the cover of these injuctions has they claim the IWA already won managed to reopen a number of several years ago, brushing plants. aside the fact that the SLW is battling for wage increases has always been the employer similar to those demanded by the who has gone to court for an

spired leadership of the IWA in agent E. C. Jorgensen. "This is Washington is obliquely attack- the first time that I have seen ing the SLW strike, although of- a union go to court to restrain ficially giving it support. They picketing." In spite of injuncand its closing would have dried used the chauvinistic expression started this week in a number of Smith and all others of his kind have put forward the fantastic tions, a reported 12,000 IWA up the entire supply here within "white hope." We regret our plants, both here and in other provides the real answer to the claim that the lumber operators workers on October 3 were oboversight in using this phrase. auto centers, to aid the strike. growing threat of fascism. wish at this time to lock out the serving SLW picket lines.

Lesson number one, for all which has tied up lumber ships entire industry in order to break unions, is that strikes are won at Everett, Washington and in the unions and that a lumber

> shops. These picket lines have invariably been respected by the

The SLW-AFL is in a strong position at this time to issue a

to the response of the ranks. In-It is true that the IWA officials stead of seeking close unity of

"In my long union history, it injunction against picketing," Furthermore, the Stalinist-in- stated SLW Local 2519's business

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## INTERNATIONAL NOTES

ist Party), Belgian section of the

Fourth International, is still un-

der government ban. The paper

was suppressed for solidarizing

with the German working class.

American soldiers are not the

only ones anxious to get back

home. Senegalese troops, accord-

Germany

A new and significant develop-

rilla bands. In the American-

bands of armed marauders . . .

1,300 raids" had occurred within

a week. Armed with sub-machine

guerrillas swoop down on isolat-

ed farms at night and expro-

#### Czechoslovakia

The August 25 L'Humanite, official organ of the French Stalinists, carries an interesting item on plans for the nationalization of industry in Czechoslovakia. France An "economic council" has been set up, says the report, which will survey the economic situation "and elaborate plans for the development of the different branches of the national econ-

Sixty-three per cent of the metallurgic industries are scheduled for nationalization within the month. The banks are next revolver. In the evening "between on the list. "Cooperative estab-500 and 600 armed Senegalese. lishments," however, "will escape seeking vengeance for their comnationalization."

The following industries will be nationalized, says L'Human-Ite: "The mines, electric power, gas, steel mills, sheet iron, blast killed and many more wounded furnaces, foundries, if more than before the fray ended. 400 workers are employed; metal products plants, if more than 600 are employed: war industries. chemical and pharmaceutical products, synthetic fertilizers, synthetic rubber and oil refin-

#### South Africa

The Conference of Non-European (colored) trade unions in South Africa adopted a resolution August 6 demanding 10 shillings (about \$2) a day minimum wage for all unskilled workers. The resolution, according to The Sun, a South African paper, de-

ropean trade unions demands, as camp inmates" are among the ment in Batavia, attempted to the human right of every non- leaders of the guerrillas. European worker, a diving wage.

national minimum wage of 10 the same day as the above re- Japanese mayor of Batavia in shillings a day for all unskilled port. Donald MacKenzie, staff office rather replace him with a workers.

"To ensure that this should reflect real wages we demand a "Guerrilla warfare is reaching the British occupation chief Lt. sliding scale.

agreements should ensure an au- Hamburg." This is in the Brit- out of keeping with his position tomatic rise in wages in relation to the increased prices."

zation of a National Council of Non-European Trade Unions was arms and organized themselves eral, who takes a far more realopened by J. Phillips of the Non- into "bandit gangs." They fight istic view of the strength of the contact with the Communist In- this conference was as follows: anti-war congresses and con-European Garment Workers "British patrols attempting to nationalist movement, again ternational and the communist- The Nationalist party would gresses of the Anti-Imperialist Union. He said: "A more defi- subdue them." nite line must be adopted so that we can take our rightful place were being attacked nightly," acin the trade union movement in

South Africa. "Closer cooperation between the non-white and the white the British troops can do, con- interior where they will continue joint action in the Indies. Sem- condition of the people, and un- revolt against the government on worker is essential. After all, our tinues the same source, "the out- to maintain "law and order" un- acen, who was then exiled from derground through the creation the basis of speeches and articles aims are identical.'

the August 2 Manchester Guar- the war who fought the Nazi con- terrorists." dian, the Belgian paper de- querors, except of course they DUTCH TROOPS LAND clares: "There has been formed are fighting this time against in Flanders a Leopoldian move- the Allied conquerors. MacKenment which no politician could zie says that they are mainly dare to oppose without the risk "Poles, Czechs and displaced of being broken. Royalist mili- Germans." He adds "there are islands. However, 1,000 troops tias are being formed nearly ev- indications that they now have erywhere, and their recruitment been organized like cadres, with Dutch official in Australia deis amongst members of a former intelligence service that keeps anti-democratic movement."

erable amount of their arms from Allied sources. "There are many worse "when cold weather sets stories," says the Guardian, "cir- in," continues MacKenzie, quotculating amongst British offi- ing British officials. "There are cers of weapons and supplies of something like 19,000,000 perwar destined for the Allied forces sons on the move toward Berlin

In contrast to its friendly at- and Elbe rivers." titude toward these reactionary | The 3,000,000 who have already groups, the Van Acker govern- passed through Hamburg since ment is extremely hostile to- the first of August face frightward militant working class ten- ful conditions. "These persons dencies. Voie de Lenine (Lenin's are living in crude caves among Road), official organ of the the rubble of bomb-blasted Parti Communiste Revolution- buildings like animals and slownaire (Revolutionary Commun- ly starving to death."

them informed of counter meas-They are obtaining a consid- ures being taken by the British." The situation will become much

and Hamburg, between the Oder

## Allied Rulers Prepare Slaughter In Far East

(Continued from Page 1) anese troops and Indonesian na-

tionalists."

NATIONALIST VICTORIES

public has taken over some of "truce" was reached, the British Java's principal cities, including in Saigon, using mortars, ma-Soerabaja and Bandoeng. In chine-guns and rifles drove the RECORD these cities, which have not yet Annamese from the outskirts of Let us look at their record. been attacked by the Allies, the the city. The Japanese, fighting Mohammed Hatta, when a stu- treaties on the Balkan countries of the Balkan secret political po-Japanese despots lost control to under Allied orders, killed 40 to dent at Leiden university in Hol- now occupied and dominated by lice based on the model of the priating the big landowners and act. But that would mean work- up pro-Kremlin regimes and the nationalists. At Bandoeng 50 Annamese on September 30, land in 1922, was one of the the Red Army. Had Molotov GPU, etc. By these means the the nationalists took away the The Allies have placed Japanese arms of the Japanese forces, in- guards at key spots. cluding armored cars.

putting up a strong battle for 18 cruisers, light cruisers, etc., sharply anti-Dutch, anti-collabtheir freedom, but already there and a flotilla of seaplanes are orationist course. are serious signs of weakness in following. French paratroopers Up until that time Dutch stu- Anglo-U. S. bloc might well have eyes if its satellites then demolthe nationalist leadership, if dis- broke up an unarmed demon- dents from the Indies and Indo- yielded. But Molotov went along ish the democratic instrumentalpatches of the capitalist press stration of 1,500 Annamese in nesian students both belonged to for eleven days in which the ities once they have served their ant family. are accurate. Reuters reported Saigon October 7, while in Paris, one organization, but relations conference was irrevocably com- purpose of dislodging the Krem-September 29 that Dr. Soekarno, spokesmen of the nationalist between the Nationalists and im- mitted in the eyes of the world lin from the Balkans.) leading figure of the national- movement were arrested by the perialist-minded Dutch students ist movement "issued direct ord- de Gaulle government for de- and their Uncle Toms soon made discussions, then suddenly made ceed by these means, thanks to ant with farm implements, hors- endurable suffering and priva- to be patient, depending on the ers to Indonesians in all spheres manding freedom for Indo- this impossible. The Perhimp- his demand on September 22. the fact that the United States es, cattle and poultry, fertilizer tion, imbued not with interna- six billion dollar loan from of life to co-operate with the Al- China. lied occupation force." This is The role of American troops Dutch language magazine in doubtedly very satisfactory to productive power multiplied, harvest. Add to this that the propagadana differing little struction of the Soviet economy. the same policy pursued by the landed by air has not been clear- which Dutch imperialism was in- the Kremlin which has nothing while the Soviet economy was Kremlin, far from being able to from that of Czarist times, the ed in that country lest year. The the Annamese nationalists.

results were disastrous to the The picture in Indo-China is

essentially the same. A "truce" was negotiated with the Anna-

Two French battleships ar-The Indonesian people are rived at Saigon October 3. Some its very inception followed a ence took the decision that all mania. (Needless to say, if owned by the church; the coun-

# Indonesian Nationalists Fight Dutch Imperialism

By Ratna Soemanti

(The First of Two Articles) On August 17, the Indonesians proclaimed their independence and founded the Republic of In-

ing to the August 22 Stars and The first British troops which Stripes, "restless over the delay landed on Java in the last days in being shipped home, attacked of September found street cars a French patrol." The incident and buildings painted with signs occurred at the Riviera port of saying: "Better to live in hell St. Raphael. A French lieutenthan be colonists again" and "We ant killed one Senegalese with a don't ask freedom-we are entitled to it." No Dutch flags were displayed anywhere until the English hoisted one outside rade's death, entered the town." Allied headquarters. For the When police and French rest there was only the red and troops were called out "a battle white emblem of the new Indofollowed." Eleven civilians were nesian government.

All independence leaders, when interviewed by Allied reporters, declared their determination to fight rather than return to a colonial status. All warned that ment in the German situation is any occupation landings by the appearance of armed guer-Dutch forces would be resisted, although they professed to have controlled area of Bavaria faith in the pledge of the British not to meddle in local politics have been carrying off newly and guaranteed there would be harvested crops," United Press no trouble as long as the British reported September 30. Poegner, and Americans are there. the newly-appointed Minister-

President, said that "more than DUTCH KEEP JAPANESE At the same time Dutch government spokesmen in the Indies guns and machine pistols, the and in London issued bitter denunciations of the nationalist movement and its leaders. Dr. priate the crops. Hoegner de- Charles van der Plas, represent-"This conference of Non-Eu- clared former "concentration ative of the Netherlands governbelittle the scope and the influ-The phenomenon is not con- ence of the movement and dis-"To begin with we demand a fined to the American sector, On credit its leaders. He kept the correspondent of the N. Y. Daily nationalist, until he was finally News, wrote from Berlin that ordered to make the change by alarming proportions in the General Christison. With clas-"This means that industrial countryside south and west of sic Dutch haughtiness, entirely ish-controlled area. MacKenzie of impotence, van der Plas furreports that a British officer has ther refused to meet with the The discussion on the organi- revealed "Large bands of dis- Indonesian leaders to discuss the placed persons" have obtained situation. But the British genforced him to arrange such a "Dozens of German villages meeting.

As the situation stands now. cording to the British officer. the English troops have occu- the representative of his organi- work, congresses, the creation of rested in Holland along with sev-Casualties are listed as on an pied Batavia. The Japanese gar- zation met with the Indonesian national feeling and betterment eral other Indonesian students "important scale." Despite all risons were withdrawn into the communist Semacen to discuss of the material and intellectual on the charge of incitement to struggle is one struggle and our laws" are "growing more numer- til they are repatriated. "To have the Indies after the Communist of a national army, with a boy that appeared in the magazine to work through the Japanese is uprisings in 1926, agreed to joint scout movement as its starting of their organization. All were The class composition of these very humiliating," says Dr. van work under the leadership of the point. The national feelings of acquitted in 1928. groups of "bandits" and "out- der Plas, yet he uses them Nationalists and to handing over the population were to be led Upon his return to the Indies Royalist groups are arming laws" is not clear. They appear against what he terms "a move- all printshops in the Indies for- in a revolutionary direction, with he belonged to the Partai Nathemselves, reports the Brussels to resemble the resistance move- ment of Japanese puppets backed merly controlled by .e com- special attention to work in the sional Indonesia (National Indo newspaper Le Soir. As quoted in ment in other countries during by small determined bands of munists. In return Mohammed trade unions. Any collaboration nesian Party) but did not play

> According to a Dutch spokesman in London it will take another two months before the first Dutch troops will reach the arrive in three weeks. The Dutch are dispatching a number of Indonesians who have allegedly "been active in the Independence movement in Holland since 1921" to the Indies by plane to act as mediators. Very likely these gentlemen will lose their face to face with their countrymen. Things have changed since those days of 1921 at Leiden university when independence was something Indonesian students talked about. Today the Indo-

today appear to be Soekarno, discuss the peace treaties with prices with which the shattered President of the newly-founded Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary. Soviet economy cannot hope to

nesian masses are getting a taste

of the real thing and they are in

no mood to deal with Uncle

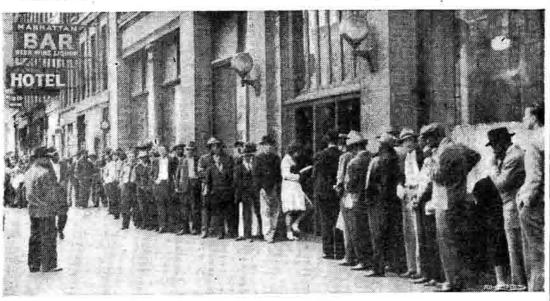
Vice President. only under Japanese domination? Anglo-U. S. bloc were bent on help for the needy comes only Are they what the Dutch offi- showing that the Kremlin stands from the west. Meanwhile the Indonesian Re- mese nationalists. Before the class claim they are: turncoats, alone. opportunists, Japanese puppets? MOHAMMED HATTA'S

> founders of the student organi- insisted on limiting the Balkan Anglo-U. S. bloc will secure free Kremlin's reactionary policy ne- Kremlin which long ago abolzation Perhimpoenan Indonesia treaties to the Big Three on play for the anti-Kremlin forces (Indonesian Society) which from September 11, when the confer- in Hungary, Bulgaria and Ru- division the considerable areas ers' rights in the Soviet Union

### Vanquished



"Victors"



While the people of Tokyo line up for their meager rations (top picture) the people of Detroit line up at the U. S. Employment Office for fast-vanishing jobs. In defeated Japan, millions face the specter of hunger. In victorious America, millions face the specter of mass

ised that the Perhimpoenan In- of course excluded. donesia would build a real national movement in the Indies.

NATIONALIST PROGRAM

sponsored Anti - Imperialist strive to create a state within League in different European the state. This would be done In 1926 Mohammed Hatta as above ground through social countries. In 1927 he was ar-Hatta for his organization prom- with the Dutch government was too public a role. We must note,

The program mapped out at delegated Mohammed Hatta to

however, that he never was part To bring the cause of Indo- of the collaborationist nationalnesia to international attention ist movement that arose after the Perhimpoenan Indonesia the P.N.I. was crushed in 1930.

## Dutch official in Australia declared Oct. 6 another 10,000 will Squabble Over Booty Of War **Ends Big Five London Parley**

By Felix Morrow

isters' conference, after 33 ses- of influence in the Balkans by conciliatory zeal when they come sions, wound up October 2 with- two principal means: out concluding a single agreement. The fiasco was blamed on the Kremlin by the other powers and vice-versa.

need not occupy us very long. firms. These agents will en-The Kremlin, sticking to the courage capitalist and reformletter of the Atlee-Truman-Stal-The two main figures in the in agreement at Potsdam, insist-Indonesian nationalist movement | ed that neither France nor China Republic and Mohammed Hatta, No doubt Molotov preferred to compete and, what is more, sell talk to the British and U. S. the goods on credit; and finally, Who are these men? Are they ministers without their French UNNRA relief agencies will demnewcomers who came to the fore and Chinese satellites, while the

However, behind this procedural dispute is the extreme disto five-power participation in all sionary nationalists and sought finally written.

Through those treaties the to break through the wall which Angle-U. S. bloc will seek to the Red Army has vainly thrown The Big Five Foreign Min-break down the Kremlin's sphere around the Balkans.

official agents of the Anglo-U. S. ist labor leaders to organize of the western orbit. That was against Kremlin domination, will finance such movements, sell businessmen cheap goods at party, with a million members, onstratively make clear that

TWO MEANS

2. Indirectly, by demanding inclination of the Kremlin to free press, free elections, evacudiscuss, much less to conclude ation of the Red Army, abolition ence over the peasantry seemed work of factory and municipal treaty settlements as long as five ministers have a voice in these forces are successful, the tries involved are small and rel- in Red Army-occupied countries Anglo-U. S. bloc and the Kremall questions discussed, the Anglo-U. S. bloc will close its atively over-populated; the new where the sight might infect Red lin. Both sides have too many

The Anglo-U. S. bloc can sucwhich the Anglo-U. S. bloc aim Balkans of just such material, haved like a marauder. The high the masses of ruined Europe.

STALINIST PARTIES

garia they would not be suffi- victim of a bad joke. cient to keep those countries out LESS FOR WORKERS demonstrated in France, where the Communist party is the which since the expulsion of the Nazis seemed to dominate political life-yet proved completely impotent to prevent de Gulle's sharp turn to a western orienta-

Kremlin, it has revealed itself during the past year as having nothing to offer them.

At first the Kremlin's influassured by the policy of exprodividing the land. But the ers' soviets, and the totalitarian parties strong enough to withcessitated excluding from the ished soviets and all other workfarms are therefore in many Army soldiers. cases too small to sustain a peas-

In the cities, the Kremlin has even less to offer the workers. In large part the factories operate, if at all, with worn-out machines without hope of replaceials by ruined transportation; police. Red Army evacuation. many owner-operators and technicians have fled, either because they were collaborationists or of Kremlin control of the Bal-Whatever illusions the Balkan they feared the Red Army. Wages masses may have had about the are well-nigh useless as inflation and the black market flourishes.

Given a free hand, the city proletariat could grapple with these problems through a net-

shock and reaction of the work- afford to be patient, depending Add to this that the economy ers and peasants to the collapse in the long run on its overpowof the countries is devastated of morale of the occupying ering economic preponderance. and unable to provide the peas- troops. After four years of un- The Kremlin cannot afford not cenan Indonesia published a The resulting fiasco was un- emerged from the war with its or even with food until the next tionalism but with chauvinist America for help in the recon-

**GERMANY** 

Comrades Who Died in the Cause of Communism Under the Terror of the Gestapo and Its Puppets

**Our Martyrs** 

MARTIN WIDELIN, German Trotskyist active as a leadng member of the French and Belgian sections of the Fourth International. Organizer of the International underground work in the German Wehrmacht; an editor of Arbeiter und Soldat, the newspaper of the I.K.D. (Internationalist Communists of Germany) published illegally in Paris under the Nazi occupation. He, together with 65 other French and German Trotskyists engaged in this work, fell as a victim of the Gestapo. Trapped by the French Fascist "Brigade Speciale" in the Bois de Vincennes near Paris, he was shot and eft for dead. Hospitalized, he was denounced to the Gesapo, dragged from his bed and shot the same night.

WILLY. One of 30 German Trotskyist soldiers and sailors active at Brest shot by the Nazis. He organized arms delivery to Maquis partisans, desertions in the Wehrmacht and the utilization of "Organization Todt" work certificates for

ROGER, 40-year-old German Trotskyist, functionary of he Parti Communiste Internationaliste, French section of the 4th International; member of Partisan corps in the Dau-

MAX, 30-year-old German Trotskyist, adjutant-chief of .F.I. troops of the Ardeche Maquis. These are only the first reports on our losses among the German Trotskyists.

### GREECE

PANTELIS POULIOPOULOS, 45 years old. Active in the the revolutionary workers' movement since 1919. Elected a member of the Political Bureau of the Greek Communist Party soon after its foundation, he became General Secretary of the Party in 1924. Delegate of the Greek party to the Fifth Congress of the Communist International held in Moscow in 1925. Founded the "Spartakos" group in 1927 and later affiliated this group with the International Left Opposition formed in the Communist International by Leon Trotsky. Arrested by the Greek bourgeoisie and sentenced to 18 years imprisonment. Escaped. Arrested in 1939. In 1943, Italian military authorities occupying Greece ordered him shot; he talked to the soldiers assigned to kill him, and caused a mutiny in their ranks, but was finally shot. His life and death have become legendary in Greece where his memory is respected as exemplifying the purest proletarian heroism and revolutionary devotion.

JEAN MAKRIS, 40 years old. Bakery worker. Wellknown trade union militant. Long active in the Young Communist League of Greece, Member of the Central Committee of the Greek Section of the Fourth International. Arrested many times, imprisoned and deported. Shot in 1943 by the

occupation authorities. JEAN XYPOLYTOS, 40 years old. Building trades worker. For a long time a leading functionary of the Greek Communist Party. Member of the Central Committee of the "Spartakos" group. Imprisoned and deported many times Shot in 1943 by the occupation authorities.

The following comrades were also killed by S. S. troops at the Kandara Concentration Camp: Dascalbs, Kamatsas. CONSTANTIN YANNAKOS. 30 years old. Teacher Former leader of the Young Communist League Member of the Central Committee of the Greek Section of the Fourth International. Arrested in 1939. Shot by the Nazi occupa-

tion authorities in 1943. The following comrades were executed by the notorious "Security Battalions" under the German Wehrmacht: Christos Gianovlis, Delia Baltas, Elentheros Kokinas.

Victims of the Stalinist Terror In addition, the following comrades are known to have been killed by Stalinists during the civil war last December: DEMOSTHENES BOUZOUKIS, member of the Central Committee; and more than a hundred other comrades fighting under his leadership in Athens, whose names are not as

STERGIOS, The brothers Tatsos, Mangos Kostas and

many others, in Salonika. THANASSI OICONOMOU. A Stalinist militant who joined our party in 1943. Killed in Athens on December 4, 1944. MITSOS MELIADIS, worker in the subway company at Athens. Active in the revolutionary workers' movement since

1928. Shot by the Stalinists December 4, 1944. NICOS ARAVANTINOS, active in the movement since 1930. Agrarian specialist. Imprisoned under the Metaxas dictatorship in 1938. Member of the Central Committee and the Political Bureau. Horribly murdered by the Stalinists.

THYMIOS ADRAMYTIDES. .. A Trotskyist since 1931. Organized illegal revolutionary group among Greek police. Imprisoned under Metaxas dictatorship. After release from prison, active in leading capacity in Athens city organization, He was killed by the Stalinist miltary organization, December 3, 1944.

Add to this that the occupying command has made belated at-Red Army troops are living off tempts to restore discipline, but Against these economic and the land. The peasant, given when the army officially is livthose countries official and uncan hold the Balkans only by to- and grain requisitioned and lucky sitioning what it needs, the soltalitarian means. Even if great if the Red soldiers didn't take dier can scarcely be blamed if he press correspondents and mass Communist parties existed his plow and kitchen utensils, does some requisitioning for him-The procedural point at issue branches of Anglo-U. S. business in Rumania, Hungary and Bul- must begin to think he is the self-at watch from a luckless send home, etc.

Such are the realities in the Balkans under the Red Army. The Kremlin cannot dream of dominating the area without occupying troops, or the equivalent in "native" troops and secret agents and businessmen, free elections, would spell the end kans.

MOLOTOV'S TACTICS

Hence Molotov's tactics at the London conference. The Kremlin must try to delay Balkan committees with full power to possible, while it tries to conjure stand some of the concessions which must eventually be made

The London fiasco does not at reasons to patch up the situa-Add to this the undoubted tion. The Anglo-U. S. bloc can So, whatever their differences,

Stalinist - dominated EAM in ly reported since they engaged cessantly attacked. These young to gain and a great deal to lose devastated. Food and machin-send these needed items from the Red Army soldier has entered the Big Three alliance remains Greece when British troops land- last week in armed struggle with men called themselves revolu- when the Balkan treaties are ery are the battering ram with Soviet Union, has stripped the "enemy country" and has be- a terrifying reality, looming over

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Only the world revolution can save the USSR for socialism. But the world revolution carries with it the inescapable blotting out of the Kremlin oligarchy.

-Leon Trotsky

## Smash The Fascists!

America's No. 1 Fascist Demagogue, Gerald L. K. Smith, whose aim is to mobilize and lead the storm troopers of American capitalism against the labor movement, is beginning to meet some serious obstacles to his anti-labor, anti-Negro, Jew-baiting ambitions.

Last July, he breezed into Los Angeles with the announcement that he intended to establish his national center there. But he didn't make the grade. The Los Angeles labor movement, pressed into action by the union militants and the Socialist Workers Party, countered Smith's mass meeting with a giant rally of 14,000 workers. Smith left for greener pastures.

He hit Detroit two weeks ago. But, here again, Smith didn't fare so well. A fighting mass picket line, sponsored by the CIO Council and manned by over 1,000 CIO and AFL workers, limited the Smith meeting to only 150 of his actual followers, a demoralized and frightened handful.

Instead of maintaining his bold, brash front, G. L. K. Smith is being forced to proceed more cautiously and timidly. As our report from Buffalo (See Page 1) relates, there Smith elected to sneak into town and hold surreptitious meetings. The Buffalo CIO Council, getting wind of his previous secret visit, voted to give him a hot reception the next time he dares to

These events have one decisive feature in common. .In every case, it was the threat or actual conduct of militant mass labor action which put real fear into Smith's followers, demoralized his ranks. These actions will help inspire American labor everywhere to take the offensive and nip the American fascist menace in the bud.

In both the Detroit and Los Angeles demonstrations, the Socialist Workers Party, the American Trotskyists, stood shoulder to shoulder with the militant unionists in the vanguard of the struggle against Fascist Smith. Every facility and all the energies of the Trotskyists were placed at the disposal of the labor movement to mobilize and conduct the fight.

The Detroit anti-fascist demonstration was particularly commendable and noteworthy. Local auto unions sent their famous flying squadrons, trained in the defense of innumerable strike picket lines, to hold the line against police assaults.. They conducted a courageous battle worthy of their tradition.

This, however, was precisely the effective feature of the struggle which brought protests from the yellow Stalinists and liberals. These latter advocate "fighting" fascism with mealymouthed protests and mere gestures. The Stalinists actually acted as finger-men for the Detroit cops in pointing out the leading union militants for clubbing.

As always, the police stood on the side of the labor-haters, in this instance, the fascists. They mauled and beat the Detroit anti-fascist fighters and protected the fascists from the workers' wrath.

But the Detroit workers have demonstrated to the entire labor movement that the way to fight fascism is not to wait or equivocate, Fascism can be defeated only by the full fighting might of the labor movement. It must be met head-on, courageously and militantly, with the power of mass labor action wherever and whenever it raises its ugly head to spit forth its

## **Anti-Jewish Slander**

One of the strategic aims of the fascist movement is to split the working class into bitter, warring factions, thus weakening the antifascist struggle. Pitting one nationality against another is a time-tested way of accomplishing this aim. The fascist movement throughout Europe followed this tactic.

That is why the fascist demogagues in America whip up every vile prejudice against such minority nationalities as the Jewish people. The growth of anti-Jewish sentiment parallels the growth of fascism. Knowing this, Big Business and its tools utilize every resource to spread foul lies about the Jews.

The most recent is the lie cooked up by John O'Donnell, professional poison-pen columnist of the N. Y. Daily News. This scurrilous prostitute of the McCormick-Patterson press is trying to place the halo of martyrdom on the glistening helmet of none other than General Patton, who was relieved of his post in Bavaria when he came out too brazenly in favor of retaining Nazis in U. S. Army-controlled posts. O'Donnell's version, date-lined October 2, is that the pistol-packing, kick-the-wounded, richest-general-in-the-army slapped a private of "lewish descent" in the notorious 1943 faceslapping incident in Italy. Because of this, says O'Donnell, "foreign-born political leaders" (he singles out prominent Jews) put on a campaign against the injured Patton. Through the "secret and astoundingly effective might" of these individuals back of the government, Patton was

O'Donnell's version is undoubtedly now being peddled throughout America by all the native fascists. All the links in this slander against the Jewish people are clear. Patton, like the majority of the officer caste, is anti-Jewish and highly sympathetic to Nazi propaganda. He was simply a bit more incautious than the rest, thus permitting himself the luxury of telling the press what he thought.

Coincident with Patton's remarks, an official report to President Truman revealed that tens of thousands of Jews in Germany are still suffering in concentration camps under conditions as frightful as those they endured under the Nazis. In the resulting storm of protest, the Truman Administration was forced to slap Patton on the wrist. But the capitalist propagandist, O'Donnell, instead of telling the truth, converted the incident into sewage for the mudslinging political machine of America's native fascists.

That such propaganda is printed in the great newspapers of the capitalists, indicates how far Big Business is opening the throttle on the native fascist movement.

### Full Employment

The Murray Full Employment Bill was introduced into Congress with great fanfare. It was offered by the Truman administration, backed by many financial and industrial bigwigs, as their answer to the capitalist crisis of mass unemployment.

As its own sponsors admitted, the bill actually contained no specific or practical measures. It left entirely to future unspecified acts of Congress the exact program to be adopted. Congress, by its recent killing of the \$25 unemployment compensation bill, has amply demonstrated what it intends to do to any real measures to aid the unemployed.

The feature of the Murray Bill which the extreme reactionaries mainly opposed was its agreement, in principle, to the use of government funds "as a last resort" to aid the unemployed. Last week, in a decision that the bill's sponsors declared "satisfactory," the Senate knocked even that acknowledgement on the

The Senate adopted the bill with an amendment which, in effect, prohibits the use of federal funds to aid the unemployed where this would increase the government deficit.

These same Senators who reared up in hor ror at going into "debt" for the benefit of the workers are the very ones who did not hesitate to approve the appropriation of some \$300 billion for world-wide slaughter and destruction. They poured tens of billions into the coffers of the war profiteers. They hailed the expenditure of a cool \$2 billion for the atom bomb which obliterated hundreds of thousands of men, women and children in two Japanese ci-

If any further proof were needed of the utter indifference and callousness of the capitalist politicians in Washington toward the needs of the American people, their latest action on the Murray bill is proof positive.

These agents of Big Business understand only one language, will yield only to one argument, that is the forceful kind used in the resolution adopted by the CIO auto workers' recent National General Motors Conference and now being advanced by local unions such as the Buffalo auto and steel locals, as reported in this issue of THE MILITANT.

The GM auto workers have called for a giant united Congress of American Labor to convene as soon as possible in Washington. This mobilization of representatives from every union body in the land would elaborate a genuine labor legislative program and spearhead a nation-wide labor fight for its adoption by Con-

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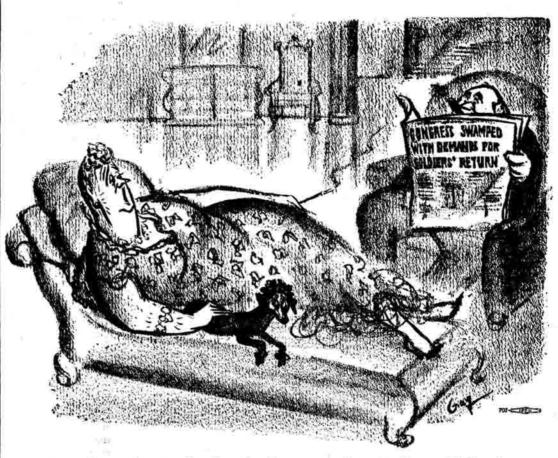
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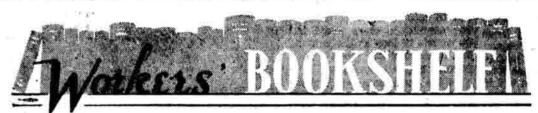
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the solidifying heat of the fight after the war, when his enemies socialist society. will have disposed of their for-Today, Negro and white work eign rivals and will be able to that the politicians of the Demo-

deliberate effort of the revolu- Negro are busy provoking "race- ing. For the Negro militant this tionary Marxists to smash preju- riots" and anti-Negro sentiment pamphlet will serve as another dice and promote fraternization wherever possible. Recent weapon-an educational weapon -has become a vital weapon in "strikes" of white high-school -in the fight for a better sostudents against Negro students ciety. Many volumes of material on in Hammond, Indiana and in "The Negro Question" have been New York City indicate an or-

The pamphlet cuts through gressive stage, indicated the some "Uncle Tom" Negro intel- the role of "Uncle Toms" and presence of a fatal, organic dis- lectuals, the revolutionary writ- shows how only a militant and ease. This internal corruption, ers on the Negro question cut mass struggle will win real freeoften dismissed by the kept- through all the soul-searching dom for the Negro people. Parkprofessors of endowed institu- and "Christian" moralizing to er exposes the role of the Fedtions as merely a temporary strike at the root of the prob- eral government and proves that Jim-Crow was the policy of the very government and politicians who claimed to be fighting a war "Negroes in the Post-War for democracy. The record of World" by Albert Parker is a Roosevelt and the fate of the small pamphlet of only sixteen FEPC are analyzed. Army-Navy pages-yet it is one of the most Jim-Crow even transplanted race The capitalist class roots of

discrimination are made clear place beside the white wage strates the keen understanding in this pamphlet. When the worker in the vanguard of the of the author who was able to Negro worker enjoys the full eco-This development is the result gro's struggle to maintain and Socialist society, then and only of a long and bloody process in broaden the rights won during then will full social and political freedom be possible. Until then "The Negro's greatest oppor- the Negro can look forward to and trust one another. This pro- tunity for advancing toward full continued and increasingly secess is far from complete but the equality is now, as his enemies vere persecution and segregation. initial steps have been taken well recognize, and if the Negro The solution to this problem for and the development gains mo- does not take advantage of this the Negro and for the white mentum as the class conscious- opportunity now, he will find it worker is unity in the struggle ness of the workers grows in much harder to make progress against capitalism and for the

For the Negro who believes him in his struggle this pamph-

Reviewed by Bill Morgan.

## PROBLEMS FACING **WAR VETERANS**

-By CHARLES CARSTEN-

The Shabby Treatment of Disabled Veterans

"They said when we went away that when we came back nothing would be too good for us, and when we came back that was just what we got, NOTHING!" Thus spoke the veterans in 1919, after World War I. GI's are saying the same thing today, perhaps more bitterly after World War II.

The disabled veterans have the greatest cause for dissatisfaction, and, among them, those receiving about the rawest deal are the amputees.

A wounded veteran at the Thomas M. England General Hospital, the army's amputation center, complained with justifiable bitterness to Frederick Grube. writer for the "Philadelphia Record." that "a government which could spent \$2,000,000,000 for an atomic bomb has spent almost nothing for scientific research in artificial limbs."

A soldier who lost an arm in France and is undergoing treatment at England General Hospital stated that he heard constant complaints about the artificial limbs issued to the amputees. Soldiers say "they cause sores on stumps" and are "constantly in need of alterations."

He said amputees are so dissatisfied with the artificial limbs that without exception they say: "As soon as I get out and can make enough money to afford it, I'm going to buy a decent limb and throw this junk away!"

Summing up the boiling resentment of all amputees, Jimmy Wilson, a twenty-year-old soldier who lost all four limbs in a bomber crash and was made famous by a newspaper's drive to raise a fund for him. flatly refused "to go on the air with Major General Norman T. Kirk and tell the nation he was satisfied with or benefited by the artificial limbs supplied by the government," according to Ed Sullivan's column in the "N. Y. Daily News," September 26th.

The army is fitting 14,000 amputees with artficial limbs that are in all essential respects the same as those issued World War I veterans.

Veterans whose arms have been amputated are being equipped with hooks or with hands that are little more than useless dummies. They are fastened to the body with heavy leather harnesses which soon become soaked with perspiration.

Chief among the complaints against artificial legs issued by the army is that they are too heavy and cumbersome and so poorly constructed that they break down under everyday conditions. In addition, men say they are unsightly and inefficient.

Tacitly admitting the army's failure to adequately provide or even plan for these wounded men, General Kirk, Surgeon General of the army, recently announced the army's adoption of a program to "study" and "investigate" the possibilities of producing "more efficient and less obtrusive artificial limbs for handicapped war veterans."

Those familiar with brass hat red tape know it will be a long, long time before the men are benefited by any improvement. General Kirk implies that better artificial limbs have not been developed.

But the truth of the matter is that a new plastic arm and leg has been produced, according to the "Philadelphia Record," September 21, "which achieves lightness in weight without sacrificing

In ease of operation, utility and appearance these new limbs are far superior to those issued by the army. However, army brass bats in their complete disregard for and indifference to the needs of wounded soldiers, have not made even these modern improvements available to them.

The government's failure to provide for these n who lost their limbs in a war to defend Wall Street's interests, serves to illustrate the measure of the swindle perpetrated on soldiers who were told of the "better world" they would return to. As far as the government is concerned the shabblest treatment is good enough for men whose usefulness has been impaired.

## Trial Reveals Thievery By Huge Food Monopoly

Short-changing, short-weighting and price-boosting are the brazenly crooked devices by which the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company plunders its customers, according to documentary evidence presented by the Department of Justice during the trial now going on against the A & P for violation of the anti-trust laws.

Most of the 4,445 exhibits used in evidence against the corporation were secured directly from the files of the A & P. These documents show the cynical and ruthless methods employed by the gigantic food monopoly to pile up its own profits, destroy competition and rob the people.

This scandalous thievery from A & P customers is given the fancy title of "stock gains." According to information now in the hands of the Justice Department and reported by Representative Wright Patman of Texas in the September 19 "Congressional Record." it is achieved as follows:

"Grocery items are billed to the retail stores by the warehouse at the retail price. No allowance is made for shrinkage, spoilage, waste, etc. Any sums secured on the sale of these items over and above the price billed by the warehouse are 'stock gains.' They are secured by such practices in the retail stores as short-weighting, short-changing, boosting of prices at the check-out counters."

The A & P in its court record tried to prove that the stores are operated with practically no profit except for what it makes on these "stock gains," allowances and other subsidiary profits. ("Allowances" are nothing more than illegal "kickbacks" from manufacturers, which, even after a "cease and desist" order from the Federal Trade Commission and upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court netted the A & P \$6,400,000.)

The rigged-up books of the A & P showed that during 1938 they operated 4,374 stores at a net loss despite "stock gains." In one division alone, they tried to show as much as 40 per cent of the stores were operated in the red.

But the A & P is a capitalist monopoly - not a charitable institution. The government new has avidence to prove that in the 6-year period between 1935 and 1941 \$21,714,000 was stolen from A & P customers through these "stock gains" alone. In the one year of 1941, when the over-all A & P profits amounted to \$26,125,000, the extra plunder called "stock gains" amounted to \$1,953,000. Yet in the trial the A & P has the gall to claim that without "stock gains" and other swindles, its store operations in 1941 would have been conducted at a loss of \$4,199,347.

## Congressmen At Work

The curtain rises this week on the House Committee on Expenditures in Executive Departments. Wall Street's Congressmen are cross-examining Harold D. Smith, Director of the Budget, in an effort to find out the real meaning of the "Full Employment Bill."

Mr. SMITH; "First of all 'full employment opportunities' does not mean that the bill assures that there never will be any unemployment . . . Furthermore, the bill does not guarantee specific jobs . . .

THE CHAIRMAN (Rep. Man- specific job." asco of Alabama): "Of course there are a lot of people thinking that, if this bill were to become law tomorrow, they would go to work the next day. There is nothing in the bill that would insure that; there is nothing that would insure them work, in propriation, does it?" this bill on the first of July next year?"

Congressman, however, especially way I interpret the last page where the interests of Big Busi- of it.' ness are involved.

THE CHAIRMAN: "Do you think that this him

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Perhaps a different tack might bill . . .?" bring out a hidden joker that would hurt Big Business . . .

THE CHAIRMAN: "This bill does not authorize a single ap- the title . . ." MR. SMITH: "No. sir."

Mr. SMITH: "That is correct." not intend to, according to the regardless of its cost to the It takes a lot to convince a proponents of the bill and the taxpayers?"

MR. SMITH: "That is right

Street. The examination what it ordered!

of the bill must be thorough! Mr. BENDER (Rep. of Ohio): If I understand the English language at all, I fall to see anything in the bill that indicates it means anything except possibly repetition of a lot of pious phrases . . ." Mr. JUDD (Rep. of Minne-

sota): ". . . If this bill, as you say in your testimony, does not solve the problem of unemployment, do you or do you not think out that it does not assure any that it is a little inaccurate, perhaps even a sericus mistake, to Manasco is a cagey politician. call it the Full Employment

> Mr. SMITH: "When you make a speech or when I make a speech we have problems with

Mr. HENRY (Rep. of Wisconsin): "Well, then, do you believe THE CHAIRMAN: "And it does that this bill should be passed

Mr. SMITH: "This bill will not cost the taxpayers anything." When Big Business wants a 'Full Employment Bill" containher members of the Com- ing nothing but hot air and pious ng likewise sniff the hot phrases, these politicians make pursuing the interests of sure Big Business gets exactly

# WORKERS' TORUM

The Workers' Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed.

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Go to it, oil workers! Hit them

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#### False Leaders Hit In Letter To Jackson

Dear Comrade Jackson: There are news items in today's Chicago newspapers in regard to the banning in Bridgeport, Conn., of a musical version of Uncle Tom's Cabin. This ban It's The Rich applied by Mayor Jasper McLevy Who Injure All was according to newspaper reports at the instigation of a Pas- Dear Comrade Jackson: tor's Association, the local CIO

Party. The claim was that the play tended to degrade the Negro people. I have not seen this play and I don't know to what extent it is based on the book by Harriet Beecher Stowe. It is quite possible that there are lines and scenes in the play that neither conform to the text of the novel or to historical truth or to reality. Plays are written and produced in general to make money for the writer and producers and to give entertainment to the public who attends,

Very often in a class society, entertainment reflects the pre- he didn't start it here alone but judices of the ruling class. This may be true of this play although a bad thing why did he start it? it was certainly not true of the And he certainly does it now. We original novel which was written know that's an individual matby a woman who desired to ex- ter and not for the cops. pose the evils of chattel slavery.

the danger involved in a con- the harm. It's not the Negro thing showing the existence of opportunity to earn a decent livpresent day or even past condi- ing. tions of an unpleasant nature. Like Dr. Pangloss in Voltaire's Candide, they want a beautiful picture to be painted of the world around them. Mayor Ed Kelly of Chicago was so moti- Standard Oil's vated in the banning of Tobacco Road in this city, and the Communist Party is so motivated Editor: when they do what little they can to discourage the sale of peculiar gasoline - refinery odor

Marxists differentiate themselves from these whitewash art- my ship that night. The Dutch ists in that they realize the ne- guard scrutinized closely, checkcessity of exposing at all times ed the pass, and before long I the evils that exist and on the was walking along Finger Way. basis of the willingness of the people to end these evils, pro- ours held my attention: It was One Job With A vide a plan of action in that di-

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take to do something about it. I decided to board the Spansical comedy, no matter how bi- men. I climbed the gangway, ased it may be, they are only passed the Dutch guard, aptrying to excuse themselves be- proached a group of deck-hands fore the masses of Negroes who and we jabbered in Spanish. are not primarily concerned Soon we were on the way to the with being presented in a false carpenter's room, some brandy light by a road show, but are was brought forth, and we talked concerned with the questions a great deal. that involve the vast majority: Some of what I learned will and those are segregation, job- be astounding to many people. lessness, improper and inade- To begin with, Spain was a neuquate housing, lack of opportun- tral, yet the seamen on Spanish ity to better themselves, lack of ships were absolutely forbidden

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Milleant Publishing Assn., 116 University Place, N. Y. C.; Farrell Dobbs, 130, 1945.)

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F. J. until a few months previously Chicago, Ill. the Spanish seamen were re-

I truly do enjoy reading your

protest against than a musical story).

Council and the Communist truthful and brilliant message every week in The Militant, Everyone in my family enjoys reading it. The only thing I regret is that we don't have more men like you in our race. Now, Mr. Jackson and all oth-

er comrades, the question I am

asking is what have the Negroes

ever done to the white man, to make him keep throwing bricks at us? We have never caused him to be hungry or naked or without jobs or any necessity of life. It seems to me that they should begin throwing bricks at the right fellow, and leave us alone. As for the mixing of races, the white man started that, and everywhere he went. If it is such

We think it's time for the peo-However, I want to point out ple to see who is really doing troversy of this nature. A great but the rich man who causes get something back from the number of middle-class Negroes him to die on the battle field, conscienceless, dirty, rotten, as well as whites object to any- and then deprives him of any slimey, bastardly oil companies who have been having their day.

Seattle, Wash.

## Seaman Exposes Sales to Hitler

The air thickened with the Richard Wright's "Black Boy." as I neared the gates to reenter the plant grounds to board

The ship docked just ahead of colorful, its superstructure was white, cowlings green; and the Postwar Prospect Where is this Pastor's Associ- three flags of a wide red hori-

periodically make the record by The name of the ship I've foropposing a musical comedy gotten, but its home port, Mawhich is only incidentally if at laga, painted on the stern, made all pointed in a false direction. me wonder. How did the state How much better it would be of Malaga fare in the Spanish

After changing into work tion and oppression and under- clothes and making my rounds Certainly in opposing a mu- ish ship and talk with the sea-

security, discrimination wherey- to leave the ship, only one person on watch could go on the I think that no better ex- wharf to check the lines. And

ending of chattel slavery, the Spanish seamen could tell us. STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP,
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workers' rights and said that more is necessary - a political program. I asked him if he had ever heard of the Socialist Workers Party. He stopped me with an understanding smile: "I'm 60 years old," he repeat-

absolutely essential to guard

ed. "I leave that fight to you younger ones. But remember that the war has opened a lot of peoples' eyes, and many of them are younger than I am. I think this war is going to lose the fight for the bosses.

I think he is right. D. S.

New York

#### 'Militant' Makeup Affects Sales bonus per month in addition to On Newsstands

regular wages. No wonder \$700 bonus per man had been paidthey were getting aviation gaso-

It has been my job for the past year and a half to deliver The Militant and Fourth International to five downtown newsstands in Los Angeles. During this time I have discovered a few things which might be of interest to you, and which might help you in boosting Militant sales.

I have learned that Militant sales for the newsstands that display the full page of The Militant are directly dependent upon the makeup of the headlines. For example, when the single large headline was used which ran clear across the first page, these stands would register an increase in sales of about five per cent over the headlines of two lines and smaller words. However, I realize that you undoubtedly have your reasons for using this system, and that you probably have to use the large type for important events. But think that too many words in the headlines cut down on the sales.

When the headline "THERE IS NO PEACE" was used, there was a sudden sharp increase in sales of about fifty per cent in all newsstands. When the two issues came out with double headlines, that is, with one headline over the masthead, there was an increase of about ten or fifteen per cent over the old system on all stands. I think double headlines would be the best to use all the time, and through; but the poor old fellow. with the one extra large headline he didn't realize that the glutto be kept in reserve for important events.

tonous Rockefellers and their In this week's issue, with one small headline entitled: Truin the solar plexus, their money man's Congressional Message bags—and avenge the deaths and Hailed By Agents Of Big Business, there was a sudden drop of at least sixty per cent in sale due to the fact that people would Richmond, Calif. only read as far as: "Truman's Congressional Message Hailed." and would lose interest. I think this was a very bad slip-up, as I saw this sign posted on the superficial reading, and also be- if they are not themselves deone of the air stations where I recover for two or three weeks because of the impression left.

Fraternally,

Los Angeles (Ed. Note: The present front page makeup of The Militant is designed to include at least one complete major headline and a picture or cartoon on the quarter-fold. This layout, we believe, will greatly facilitate the display of the paper on newsstands. A headline extending beyond the The feather merchants that quarter-fold would, on the other take these jobs will spend a lot hand be unintelligible to the of their time filling out claims newsstand customer. Since newsfor veterans. The number of stand sales have become a very vets of this war applying for important circulation medium claims rose from 1318 last week for the paper, we feel compelled to 1556 this week. In the last to pay close attention to the 12 months of good job conditions problem of effective newsstand display. However, we are equally pensation. And this is only the conscious of the fact that adaptation of makeup to newsstand needs cannot be carried to a ago they used to drool, "And point where display of the paper there'll always be a job for you for sales at union meetings, fac--waiting for you when you get tory gates, etc., would be seriback." They've got a word for ously impaired. We appreciate this kind of talk in the Navy, but Comrade B. P.'s comments on you're running a respectable this question and shall study his suggestions most attentively. A Detroit Saller Further comment on this subject from other distributors and readers will be welcomed.)

#### Regulate War?— Or End Capitalism?

together. I'm 60 years old, too the high point of progress was Sworn to subscribed before me this the first thing I'm going to do LIFE MUST BE RESPECTED by when I get back to work is to the armed forces of all nations. Now capitalism, in its declining

I agreed that union action is period, is tearing to pieces the

## American Soldier In Naples Sees Picture of Leon Trotsky

Perhaps you would be interested in the following paragraphs taken from a letter from a G.I. who has been in (taly for over two years.

"As I've told you before, if Italy can be judged as an example then all of Europe is leaning toward communism or at least more on the radical and labor's side. The trouble of course (as usual) is there are too many parties. Communists, Socialists, Laborites, Democrats, etc. But I think most of them are on the right track and the British and to me their elections brought out the biggest surprise of the year. Tho' it shouldn't have been because I talked to many Tommies and they unhesitatingly and frankly spoke against

"But all this is leading me into something that should bring you some kicks-what? Just this! I was walking up the main drag of Naples about a week ago and on one of the many stone pillars near the American Red Cross theatre I saw a fairly large poster. Normally I don't look at Italian signs or posters unless they are old ones put up by the Nazis or fascists during their control and which the Allies had forgotten to take down, to compare their dirty propaganda about us to ours against them. This one caught my eye. The picture was very familiar-it was Trotsky.

"It wasn't an old poster but it was weather beaten and torn slightly in parts by the wind, rain, etc. I couldn't understand the Italian print but his name and strong face were as clear as a bell. It was the first time I had seen any mention of Trotsky in Italy. I don't believe their Party is strong-at least not outwardly. That may mean that the Trotskyists are taking advantage of the present situation since surely the Allies cannot condemn it as a Fascist organization. The poster was not torn down as it would have been if someone had objected vehemently. I believe in the next election Italy will go even more radical than England, unless . . .? DeGaulle should be out in France too, the bum."

Battle Creek, Mich.

very things which it once created .. including the LAWS OF WAR. which have been shamefully violated by all the belligerents since the second world war began . and even before.

Stephen Kraus suggests that tion of the atom bomb. To my mind, at least, it is as if you years? should "press" for a return to the democratic free enterprise of early capitalism in these days of monopoly-dictatorship!

Who can "regulate" the House of Horror that capitalism has now become? Who can talk "peace plans" with the monsters whose hands are stained with more human blood than has ever been shed by man?

Fight to prevent another war. says Stephen Kraus, and not talk reply, I would say: Fight to save humanity from being murdered by the crimes of a small group of criminal - parasites whose headquarters is Wall Street, and the best way to fight against them is to constantly remind the public of their crimes . . . not only "past" but PRESENT and it sounds exactly like the pro- FUTURE, even to the point of the Truman capitalist press on a universal murder of this planet,

> To be indifferent is to be devoid be devoid of reason!

In conclusion, I would like to suggest that your splendid manifesto, THERE IS NO PEACE. should be published in leaflet form for distribution everywhere! It cannot become outdated, while Wall Street lives and commits food prices now than before the mass-murder!

Belle Montague P. S.: Also I would like to remind Mr. Kraus that wars are 1939. The over-all cost of livnot always criminal . . . witness conflicts for abolition of slavery. revolutionary uprisings of workers, etc., and therefore I believe it to be incorrect to make such a declaration in the abstract. But the ruthless murder of the noncombatants is and must always be a crime . . . there is no evading this issue!

## QUESTION BOX

Q: How much has the U. S. you should press for the regula- gained in merchant shipping pathizers who find it an excelover Great Britain in recent

A: In July 1939, before the war, the U.S. had a merchant fleet of less than 12 millions gross tonnage. Today it has 58,500,000 deadweight tons, far more than the rest of the world combined. Before the war Britain had over 21 million gross tons in its merchant fleet. Today this has shrunk to 13 millions. It is interesting to compare these figures with the year 1929, peak prewar year of of the past crimes of man! In trade. Great Britain then carried 40 per cent of world shipping trade; the U. S. 5 per cent

Q: Can you tell me how muc! the U. S. has spent in Lend-Lease, and what it consisted of A: As of July 1, 1945, Lend Lease from the United States t foreign countries totaled \$42 021,000,000. Of this, \$28 billion represented munitions, fuel, me als, medicines and com tion equipment, most of it user of decency; to be objective is to in the course of battle. Foodstuffs and other agricultural cut in price as soon as it can be products amounted to \$6 billions. Machinery, tools and supplies amounted to about \$3,500,000,000.

Q: How much higher are

war? A: As of June 1945, retail Cambridge, Mass. food prices were 51 per cent above the level of August 15. ing is the highest since 1921.

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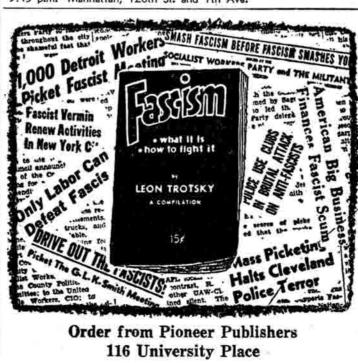
#### NEW YORK Socialist Workers Party STREET MEETINGS-FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 From a Sound Truck Hear About the Trotskyist Candidates and Their Program

Vote For: FARRELL DOBBS-Mayor of New York

LOUISE SIMPSON—New York City Council Schedule: 12:00 Noon—Manhattan, 38th St. (between 7th and 8th Aves.)
6:30 p.m.—Brooklyn, N. W. cor. Atlantic and 4th Ave.
6:50 p.m.—Brooklyn, N. W. cor. Brevoort Place and Bedford Ave.
7:45 p.m.—Bronx 161st St. and Prospect Ave.

8:25 p.m.—Bronx, 170th St. and Walton Ave. 8:45 p.m.—Manhattan, 146th St. and Amsterdam Ave.

9:05 p.m.-Manhattan, 146th St. and 7th Ave. 9:25 p.m.-Manhattan, 110th St. and Lenox Ave. 9:45 p.m.-Manhattan, 126th St. and 7th Ave.



116 University Place



September was a banner month, judging by the number or subscriptions turned in by our comrades and friends nationally 519 six-month and 100 oneyear new readers were added to the ever growing ranks of the Militant Army. All sections of the country were heard from. However, the following locals represent the high scorers and special commendation is accorded to them:

Flint, 103 six-month-4 one-

Connecticut, 88 six-month - 4 Pittsburgh, 34 six-month-13

one-year. St. Louis, 36 six-month-4 one-San Francisco, 27 six-month-

3 one-year.

**Pioneer** 

Notes

Since the announced reduction in the price of James P. Cannon's "History of American Trotskyism," Pioneer has been flooded rades of the New York Trotsky with orders from the Socialist Workers Party branches and from many outside sources. Several branches have reported that this book is especially attractive to new members and close symlent introduction to the move-

ment which they are entering. Interest in Trotskyist literature generally, is shown as orders from book stores and dealers all over the country increase in volume. One book store in Hollywood, California, wrote us recently asking for copies of "The History of American Trotskyism" to be used for a window display. Dealers in New York and Boston have sent in sizeable orders.

From Portland we hear: "We have been discussing the need for the comrades to read this book-The History of American Trotskyism.' Everyone agreed the present moment or we would was published in the War" Hope the other books will be he is now after more."

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Kansas City, 26 six-month -1 one-year.

New York, 25 six-month - 3 ne-year.

Los Angeles, 20 six-month - 2 one-year.

Detroit, 13 six-month - 2 one-

Philadelphia, 10 six-month-

2 one-year. In addition to the above, 57 six-month and 55 one-year renewals were obtained, plus 14 new and 16 renewal combinations to both The Militant and Fourth International.

Joyce James of Portland writes: "Enclosed is \$1 for a one-year subscription which we obtained in a rather remarkable way. We were distributing The Militant at a meeting of the International Woodworkers. A few minutes after I handed one worker a paper, he came back out of the hall, handed me a dollar for a year's sub and asked for a second copy! All the workers were very friendly, and one remarked as he passed by: 'It's the best paper in the world." .

Sandy Robertson reported the following demonstration: "Comist Youth Group distributed 1,-800 copies of The Militant in a few hours on a crowded street in Harlem. Not one copy of The Militant was thrown away; one copy which was dropped by a distributor was picked off the street by a young worker.

"A great many people who were offered The Militant were already subscribers to the paper. It was these people who were most enthusiastic, many of them asking for more information about the Socialist Workers Party

"A sympathizer of the Youth Group who participated in the mobilization was so impressed by the inspiring reception given our program by the Negro people that he immediately tois group, saying: 'After seeing this today, I feel I would be w. ... my life outside the movement."

Jerry Kirk of Flint reports that it is a must, especially for this interesting incident: "C"e new members. One of our newest of our readers who is the chartemembers bought a copy right man of a shop committee vina away. We are slightly broke at a letter in to The Militant w'. '1 send in a large order. But we Forum. He posted the clipwill order as fast as we can. We in the locker room of the plant. intend to really push the sale When the workers saw it they of this book. Giving the new asked where it had been ...... members a Marxist education is lished. As a result he obtained a big job, but it must be done. five one year subscriptions and

J. Steward of New York, a new subscriber writes: "After read-THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN ing A Practical Program to Kill TROTSKYISM, by James P. Jim Crow, I am very much in-Cannon. New low prices. Cloth | terested in reading Charles Jacksons' fighting column in The Militant, so am herewith enclos-116 University Place, New York | ing my money for a subscrip-

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- 1. Full employment and job security for all workers and veterans!
- A sliding scale of hours! Reduce the hours of work with no reduction in pay!
- A rising scale of wages! Increase wages to meet the increased cost of living! Operate all government-built plants under workers'

2. Independence of the trade unions from the

Withdraw union representatives from the War Labor

Board! 3. Organization of the war veterans by the trade

4. Full equality for Negroes and national minorities! Down with Jim Crow! 5. Working class political action!

Establish the workers' and farmers' government! Build the independent labor party!

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Name (Please Print) Address 

## **SWP Set For Action** In "Militant" Drive

By Justine Lang

Campaign Director permeate the responses received week's concentration in each. paign. Judging from the many from the Socialist Workers Party branches nationally in the new for All' Red Sunday Mobilizasubscription drive for 10,000 new tion to lay a base for sub work in readers of The Militant.

week drive commencing with a to whom we sell a pamphlet, and National Red Sunday mobiliza- will promise to return in a couple tion on October 14, and conclud- of weeks." ing on November 25.

"We accept the quota of 100 another 100 sub cards."

"We are going to use the 'Jobs Hazelwood. We will leave a copy This will be an intensified six- of the paper with each person

## Guerin Article On Fascism Featured In September F.I.

featured in the September issue fascism. "Decadent fascist naof Fourth International, just off tionalism, preparing volcanic exthe press. Written in March 1945 plosions and grandiose clashes as the preface to a forthcoming in the world arena, bears noth-French edition of this work, it ing except ruin," Trotsky prophbrings up to date Guerin's evalu- esied with remarkable insight ation of fascism begun in 1934, eleven years ago. "while the phenomenon of fascism was still in the full course Fourth International include an of development (above all in article on "The Big Three at Germany.)"

mental analysis of the essential revolutionary role of these ennature of fascism. "Rereading slavers of the working masses. it, 'Fascism and Big Business'," An article on the atomic bomb he states, "we are impressed with by William Wallis defines the the fact that its real subject is chemical properties contained socialism much more than it is within this most recent destrucfascism. For what is fascism, at tive weapon of the capitalist bottom, but the direct product class. of the failure to achieve social-

#### ARTICLE BY TROTSKY

on "Nationalism and Economic skylst leaders, analyzes the mov-Life," written in 1934 for For- ing forces on the Indian politieign Affairs, authoritative politi- cal scene. cal quarterly of the American tempt in this epoch to force world Fourth International.

subs with the conviction that we Enthusiastic acceptances of can surpass it. We have selected plan to involve present readers quotas and a "rarin' to go" spirit six points to work in, planning a of The Militant in this new cam-

#### St. Paul writes: "Of course we The Militant Pittsburgh adds this plan of plan to get more than 100 subs-

A timely and important ar- economies into outmoded naticle by Daniel Guerin, author of | tional frameworks and how such "Fascism and Big Business," is attempts are accompanied by

Other features of the current Potsdam," by William F. Warde, Guerin reaffirms his funda- in which is clarified the counter-

#### REPORT FROM INDIA

In "The Wavell Plan-A New Form of Old Slavery," Comrade An article by Leon Trotsky K. Tilak, one of the Indian Trot-

Reports on the Trotskyist capitalists, and published in this movement in other countries, issue of the Fourth International, and the editorial "Review of the is just as timely today as it was | Month" round out the highly ineleven years ago. Trotsky points formative and educational conout how catastrophic is the at- tents of the September issue of

## action to its quota acceptance: but this will be a start. Send us

Many branches inform us they subscriptions that have come in from friends of present readers.

Ask Your Shopmate to Subscribe to

it should be an easy task to get our friends' and sympathizers' aid in our new campaign.

#### WIRE RESULTS

After the initial mobilizations next Sunday, branches are requested to wire in their results Army and Navy store and or-Sunday evening for publication in The Militant.

challenges are expected to fly fast and furious. Our hardworking technical Mili Adams, and Sara Ross are nished, rented for \$8,500 a year.

geared for action. New machi- The veterans had to take the nery has been installed, and we're prepared for a bang-up, DENIED EVEN THE PARK fast moving campaign to spread The Militant to 10,000 new read-

#### Chicago

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4 Eight Week Courses Oct. 18-Dec. 7

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# **EVEN TENTS IN PARK**

NEW YORK - Deluged by a waiting list of 5,000 veterans and their families desperately in need of housing, and with new hundreds jamming her offices every day, Mrs. Herbert L. Carlseach, chairman of the housing division of the Officers Service Committee here, last week made an offer to 100 of these veterans;

"If I had tents to pitch in Central Park, would you live in them?" she asked. Every veteran said he would. One remarked: "It's cleaner than a foxhole." Another added, "It's better than Okinawa." One woman, who expects a baby in five weeks and whose husband is now on his way to Okinawa, declared: "I'll live in a tent!"

So Mrs. Carlsbach picked up the telephone and called an dered 25 second-hand pup tents at \$3.98 a tent. "Doesn't matter Socialist competition will be a what the tents are-pyramidal feature of the campaign and or pup," said Capt. Monroe Sills. wearing four battle stars. Mrs. Carlsbach did have three apartments available. One, furnished, staff, consisting of Naomi Kane, was \$300 a month. Two, unfur-

> Park Commissioner Moses, however, hastily vetoed the use of the park "for such purposes."

> > FRIDAYS:

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Mrs. Carlsbach apologized: "The tents are out because it's a question of wives and families." Besides, she belatedly pointed out: "New York climate is not conducive to sleeping in the park."

Behind this scandalous and needless housing crisis lurk the profit-seeking real estate wolves now baring their fangs in earnest. On October 4 the National Association of Real Estate Boards, with a powerful pressure lobby in Washington, threatened a "sitdown strike" on all CLEVELAND housing construction unless governmental rent controls were lifted. Their intent is to force up rents by deliberately main- FLINT

taining a housing shortage. and pile up profits, the big land-lords are engaged in an "all-out Twin CITIES Monday to Friday, Nov. 5-9 They demand that the Price Control Act be wiped out at the very latest when it expires next June, and that no other rent controls be instituted in its place.

## Vote Trotskyist! **DOBBS & SIMPSON**

In the Coming N. Y. ELECTIONS

# Workers In Three Ohio Cities DENIED HOMELESS VETS To Hear J. G. Wright This Week

International, is speaking this week in the Ohio area, after Totals 2,689 In Day meetings held in New York state at Rochester and Buffalo.

Comrade Wright will this week Publishers pamphlet JOBS FOR subscription campaign." cover Youngstown, Akron and ALL! on the October 7 National Cleveland where the audiences Red Sunday Mobilization. will include mainly workers in mass production industries. A Portland 41; Seattle 60. leading feature of these meetings is the Question and Answer 223 pamphlets sold; Newark 110; period following the lecture. Pittsburgh 66; Boston 140; Philwhen members of the audience adelphia 254; Buffalo 225. are invited to present questions to be answered by the speaker. west report the following sales:

Next week Comrade Wright Toledo 198; Akron 51; Detroit will continue the Michigan-Ohio 108; Chicago 325; Milwaukee leg of his tour, with meetings to 20; be held in Toledo, Ohio, and 70. Flint and Detroit, Michigan.

#### JOHN G. WRIGHT TOUR SCHEDULE

Saturday to Monday, Oct. 13-15 Tuesday to Thursday, Oct. 16-18 DETROIT Friday to Tuesday, Oct. 19-23 Wednesday, October 24 and pile up profits, the big land-

Monday to Friday, Nov. 8-9
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PORTLAND
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LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO
Thurs., Nov. 29 to Wed., Dec. 5
KANSAS CITY
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ST. LOUIS
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For a Rising Scale Of Wages to Meet Rising Living Costs

# John G. Wright, associate editor of The Militant and Fourth Preis Pamphlet Sale

steel, rubber, auto and other pamphlets; San Francisco 175; of all Pioneer pamphlets . . . our

In the east, New York reports next one!" The branches in the middle

Minneapolis 267; St. Paul

EXCELLENT RESPONSE

Most of the branches reported an excellent response. Average individual sales were high. In

With returns still incomplete, Pittsburgh where, as in many Lecturing on the subject of telegrams from 18 branches of other cities, the pamphlets were the Socialist Workers Party re- sold door to door, they report: The British Labor Victory—Its port the highly successful sale of "We left MILITANTS at each Meaning for American Workers," 2,689 copies of the new Pioneer place as a base for our coming

> The report from Minneapolis contained the enthusiastic com-From the far west Los An- ment that the "campaign methgeles' reports the sale of 347 od opens great vistas for the sale comrades are waiting for the

> > Art Preis, labor editor of The Militant, is the author of the pamphlet JOBS FOR ALL!

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> > > > Opposite the Theatre

## Hear:

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Sunday, Oct. 14, 8 p.m. Carnegie Bldg., 1220 Huron Road (off Euclid) Room 914.

TOLEDO Wednesday, Oct. 17, 8

p.m., Roi Davis Bldg., Room 304, 905 Jeffer-

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m., YWCA, E. First St. & Harrison.

#### DETROIT

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 8 p.m. 12 Horsemen's Civic Center, Erskine at John

# THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN TROTSKYISM — by James P. Cannon

#### Previous installments of Comrade Cannon's book described the emergence of the American Communist Party out of the left wing of the Socialist Party in 1919, the expulsion of the Trotskyists in 1928, the formation of a new party and the preparation for mass work.

As you know, and as it will be related in the subsequent ated in a fusion of the AWP and the Communist League, and the launching of a united political party. This was done not without political efforts and not without overcoming difficulties and obstructions. When you stop to think that in the leadership of the American Workers Party at that time were such people as Ludwig Lore, who is one of the chief jingoists in the democratic front today, and that another was such a man as J. B. Salutsky-Hardman, you can readily understand that our task was not easy. Salutsky, the literary lackey of Sidney Hillman and editor of the official organ of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, well knew who the Trotskyists were and wanted no truck with them. His role in the American Workers Party was precisely to prevent it from developing into anything more than a plaything; to prevent its developing in a revolutionary direction; above all, to keep it free from any contact with the Trotskyists who mean business when they talk about a revolutionary program. In spite of them, the negotiations began.

We were active on other sectors of the political front. On March 5, 1934 was held the historic debate between Lovestone and myself in Irving Plaza. After five years, the representatives of the two warring tendencies in the Communist movement met and crossed swords again. The score was evening up. They had begun by expelling us from the Communist Party as Trotskyists, as "counter-revolutionists." Then, after their own expulsion, they deprecated us as a little sect with no membership and influence, while they had a comparatively big movement to begin with. But, in those five years, we had been gradually cutting them down to our size. We were growing, becoming stronger; they were deelining. There was quite a wide interest in our proposal for a new party, and the Lovestone organization was not free from it.

### Call For a New International

As a result the Lovestoneites found it necessary to accept our invitation for a debate on the subject. "Strike out for a new party and a new International"-that was my program in the debate. Lovestone's program was: "Reform and Unify the Communist International." This was nearly a year after the German debacle. Lovestone still wanted to reform the Communist International, and not only to reform it but to unify it. How? By first having the Lovestoneites taken back in. Then we, the Trotskyists, who had been so unceremoniously kicked out, should be readmitted. The same on an international scale. But by that time we had turned our backs on the bankrupt Comintern. Too much water had passed over the mill, too many mistakes had been made, too many crimes and betrayals had been committed, too much blood had been spilled by the Stalinist International. We called for a new International with a clean banner. I debated from that

point of view. That debate was a tremendous success for us. There was widespread interest and we had a large audience. "The Militant" reports that there were 1,500 people, and I think there must have been very close to that many: It was the biggest audience that we had ever spoken to on a political issue since our expulsion. It was something like old times to be fighting once again before a real audience with an old antagonist, although now the struggle took place on a far different, on a higher plane. In the audience, in addition to the members and adherents of the two organizations represented by the debaters, were many leftwing Socialists and Yipsels, some Stalinists and a good many independent radicals and members of the American Workers Party. It was a critical occasion. Many people, breaking with the Stalinists, were wavering between the Lovestoneites and the Trotskyists at that time. Our slogan of the new party and the new International was more in accord with reality and necessity, and it gained the sympathy of the great majority of those who were turning away from Stalinism. Our program was so much more compelling, so much more realistic, that we swung practically all the wavering elements to our side. The Lovestoneites could not make much prog-Comintern after the German betrayal.

### TROTSKYIST ROLE IN MINNEAPOLIS STRIKES

The success of this debate set the stage for a series of lec- | led by militant elements. The unemployed organization in Toledo. tures on the program of the Fourth International. Illustrative of which had been formed and was under the leadership of the the upsurge of our movement was the fact that we had to get Mustelte group, practically took over the leadership of this Autoa bigger hall for the lectures than we had used before. We Lite strike and raised it to a level of mass picketing and militancy had to move to Irving Plaza. The audiences at lectures were three | far beyond the bounds ever contemplated by the old line craft or four times bigger than we had been accustomed to in the five union bureaucrats.

ears of our worst isolation of March and April 1934 reports a national tour by Shachtman, extending for the first time all the way to the West Coast. His the 1934 wave was the strike of the Minneapolis drivers, helpers subject was: "The New Party and the New International." On March 31, 1934, the whole front page of "The Militant" was scale in July-August 1934. These strikes put American Trotskyism devoted to a Manifesto of the International Communist League to a crucial test. (the world Trotskyist organization) addressed to the revolutionary socialist parties and groups of both hemispheres, calling upon them to rally to the call for a new International against the the elucidation of what appeared to be the most abstract theoretical for established unions, no matter how conservative, how reaction-

bankrupt Second and Third Internationals. Trotskyism on a world scale was on the march. We in the United States were in step. In truth, we were at the head of the procession of our international organization, taking advantage of every opportunity and confidently advancing on all fronts. And when our really great opportunity came in the trade union movement, in the great Minneapolis strikes of May and of July-August 1934, we were fully ready to show what we could do, and

#### Awakening of American Workers

The year 1933, the fourth year of the great American crisis, marked the beginning of the greatest awakening of the American workers and their movement towards union organization on a scale never seen before in American history. That was the background of all the developments within the various political parties, groups and tendencies. This movement of the American workers took the form of a tremendous drive to break out of their atomized state and to confront the employers with the organized force of

This great movement developed in waves. The first year of the Roosevelt administration saw the first strike wave of considerable magnitude yield but scanty results in the way of organization because it lacked sufficient drive and adequate leadership. In most cases the efforts of the workers were frustrated by governmental "mediation" on one side and brutal suppression on the

The second great wave of strikes and organization movements took place in 1934. This was followed by a still more powerful movement in 1936-37, of which the high points were the sitdown strikes in the auto and rubber factories and the tremendous upsurge of the CIO.

Our lecture tonight deals with the strike wave of 1934 as represented in the Minneapolis strikes. There, for the first time, the effective participation of a revolutionary Marxist group in actual strike organization and direction was demonstrated. The basis of these strike waves and organization movements was a partial industrial revival.

This has been mentioned before and must be repeated again and again. In the depths of the depression, when unemployment was so vast, the workers had lost their self-confidence and feared to make any move under the ominous threat of unemployment. But with the revival of industry, the workers gained new confidence in themselves and began a movement to wrest back some of those things which had been taken away from them in the depths of the depression. The ground for the mass activity of the Trotskyist movement in America was, of course, laid by the action of the masses themselves. In the spring of 1934 the country had been electrified by the Auto-Lite strike in Toledo in which some new methods and new techniques of militant struggle had been introduced.

A political, or at least semi-political grouping, represented by the Conference for Progressive Labor Action, which had set up the Provisional Committee for the formation of the American Workers Party, had led this tremendously significant strike in Toedo through the medium of their Unemployed League. There was ress with their outmoded program of "unifying" the bankrupt shown for the first time what a great role can be played in the struggles of industrial workers by an unemployed organization

The Minneapolis strikes raised the level even higher. If we and inside-workers in May, and its repetition on a still higher

For five years we had been a voice crying in the wilderness, confining ourselves to criticism of the Communist Party, to questions. More than once we had been accused of being nothing ary, these unions may be. The workers fear isolation. but sectarians and hairsplitters. Now, with this opportunity presented in Minneapolis to participate in the mass movement, American Trotskyism was put square to the test. It had to demonstrate in action whether it was indeed a movement of goodfor-nothing sectarian hairsplitters, or a dynamic political force form of a perfect union. In Minneapolis, as elsewhere, they had capable of participating effectively in the mass movement of the

### We Organize the Truckdrivers

Our comrades in Minneapolis began their work first in the coal yards, and later extended their organizing campaign among the general drivers and helpers. That was not a pre-conceived new scheme of organization they did not want. It was far betplan worked out in the general staff of our movement. The drivers of Minneapolis were not by far the most decisive section of the sibilities of getting assistance from the existing official labor American proletariat. We began our real activity in the labor movement in those places where the opportunity was open to us. It is not possible to select such occasions arbitrarily according to whim or preference. One must enter into the mass movement where a door is open. A chain of circumstances made Minneapolis the focal point of our first great endeavors and successes in the trade union field. We had in Minneapolis a group of old and tested Communists who were at the same time experienced trade unionists. They were well-known men, rooted in the locality. During the depression they worked together in the coal yards. When the opportunity opened up to organize the yards they seized it and quickly demonstrated their capacities in the successful threeday strike. Then the extension of organizing work to the trucking industry generally followed as a matter of course.

Minneapolis wasn't the easiest nut to crack. In fact it was one of the hardest in the country; Minneapolis was a notorious openshop town. For fifteen or twenty years the Citizens Alliance, an organization of hard-boiled employers, had ruled Minneapolis with an iron hand. Not a single strike of any consequence had the most stable and effective of all the craft unions, were kept on the run in Minneapolis and driven off the most important construction jobs. It was a town of lost strikes, open shops, miserably low wages, murderous hours, and a weak and ineffectual craftunion movement.

The coal strike, mentioned in our discussion last week, was a preliminary skirmish before the great battles to come. The smashing victory of that strike, its militancy, its good organization and its quick success, stimulated the general organization of the truckdrivers and helpers, who up to that time and throughout the years of the depression, had been cruelly exploited and without benefit of organization. True, there was a union in the industry, but it was holding on to the ragged edge of nothing. There was only a small handful of members with some poor kind of contract with union. They weren't in there long enough to be officers; they one or two transfer companies—no real organization of the mass of truck drivers and helpers in the town.

The success of the coal strike uplifted the workers in the trucking industry. They were tinder for the spark; their wages were too low and their hours too long. Freed for so many years from an "Organizing Committee," a sort of extra-legal body set up for any union restraints, the profit-hungry bosses had gone too farthe bosses always go too far-and the ground-down workers heard

the union message gladly. Our trade union work in Minneapolis, from beginning to end,

was a politically directed campaign. The tactics were guided by the general policy, hammered home persistently by the Militant, which called on the revolutionists to enter into the main stream of the labor movement represented by the American Federation

It was our deliberate course to go along the organizational line the masses were travelling, not to set up any artificially constructed unions of our own in contradiction to the impulse of the masses to go into the established trade union movement. For five years Trotskyism was putting itself on the political map in those measure by all standards, including the decisive criterion of we had waged a determined battle against the ultra-left dogma days and was striking hard, full of confidence. "The Militant" political direction and the maximum exploitation of every possibility inherent in a strike, we must say that the high point of Party were boycotted by the workers, thus isolating the vanguard

The mass of the workers, groping for organization, had a sound instinct. They sensed the need of help. They wanted to be in contact with other organized workers, not off on a sideline with some howling radicals. It is an unfailing phenomenon: The helpless, unorganized mass in industry have an exaggerated respect

### Trade Union Bureaucrats Fear the Trotskyists

In that respect they are wiser than all the sectarians and dogmatists who have tried to prescribe for them the exact detailed a strong impulse to get in with the official movement, hoping for its assistance in the fight against the bosses who had made life pretty tough for them. Following the general trend of the workers, we also realized that if we were to make the best of our opportunities, we should not put unnecessary difficulties in our path. We should not waste time and energy trying to sell the workers a ter to adapt ourselves to their trend, and also to exploit the pos-

It wasn't so easy for our people to enter the American Federation of Labor in Minneapolis. They were marked men who had been doubly expelled, doubly damned. In the course of their struggles they had been thrown not only out of the Communist Party, but also the American Federation of Labor. During the "Red Purge" of 1926-27, at the height of the reaction in the American labor movement, practically all of our comrades who had been active in the trade unions in Minneapolis had been expelled. A year later, to make their isolation complete, they were expelled from the Communist Party.

But the pressure of the workers toward organization was stronger than the decrees of trade union bureaucrats. It had been demonstrated that our comrades had the confidence of the workers and had the plans whereby they could be organized. The pitiful weakness of the union movement in Minneapolis, and the feeling of the members of the craft unions that some new life was needed-all this worked in favor of our people making their way back into the American Federation of Labor through the Teambeen successful in those years. Even the building trades, perhaps sters Union. In addition, there was the fortuitous circumstance. lucky accident, that at the head of local 574 and the Teamsters Joint Council in Minneapolis was a militant unionist named Bill Brown. He had a sound class instinct, and he was strongly attracted by the idea of getting the cooperation of some people who knew how to organize the workers and give the bosses a real fight. That was a fortunate circumstance for us, but such things do happen now and then. And when an accident comes your way-a good oneyou should grab it and make the most of it.

We certainly made the most of this accident, the circumstance that the President of Teamsters Local 574 was that wonderful character, Bill Brown, who held open the door of the union to the "new men" who knew how to organize the workers and lead them in battle. But our comrades were new members in this were just members when the fight began to pop. So not a single one of our people-that is, members of the Trotskyist group-was an official of the union during the three strikes. But they organized and led the strikes just the same. They were constituted as the purpose of directing the organization campaign and leading the strikes.

(To Be Continued)

cannot emancipate itself

# N. Y. Trotskyists Back Ben Davis The NEGRO As Second Choice For City Council STRUGGLE by CHARLES JACKSON

(Continued from Page 1) | gro people, shows that Daviso

on the ballot as a candidate of Negro masses. the Communist Party. He was "His policy of collaborating ticket of a working class party. first nominated and then public- with the agents of Wall Street The method of proportional reply repudiated by the corrupt is part and parcel of the treach-Tammany machine. He is run- erous policies of the American ning as an independent candi- Communist Party. The Stalindate despite his readiness to be ist Party, of which Davis is a the candidate of the Democratic national officer, functions as a Party of New York City. His servile tool of the reactionary willingness to accept the nom- foreign policy of the Stalinist ination of the Democratic party bureaucrats in the Soviet Unwhich includes among its leaders ion. During the war the Stalthe bitterest enemies of the Ne- inists urged the Negro people to

## **Simpson Scores Anti-Negro Role Of Big Business**

NEW YORK. - "The recent WHAT WAR BROUGHT outbreak of violence against Nero students and workers stems ises, the war has resulted in the from the union-busting campaign spread of race hatred and the of Big Business and its stooges intensification of discrimination in government," declared Louise and oppression. American im-Simpson, young Negro trade un- perialism has extended its Jim ionist and Trotskyist candidate Crow practices into countries for New York city council.

hatred," Comrade Simpson add- gro people both here and abroad later than October 30 for initial ed, "is in the very heart of have gained neither democracy the nation's capital. From the nor freedom. Halls of Congress there has been spewed forth a venomous stream the struggle against race disof incitation against minority crimination, the Stalinist party groups in general and Negro peo- still pursues the pernicious polple in particular.

#### SPREADING HATE

labor hate propaganda.

the initiative in the formation for Mayor and Louise Simpson of a genuine independent labor for City Council. party, that would unite the Negro masses and other minority all progressive forces in New groups in a 'war for survival' York to cast their second choice against their capitalist enemies." vote for Benjamin J. Davis, not

inevitably betray the struggle of cannot be relied upon to conduct because he and his party have the Negro masses for equality. | any militant and uncompromis- anything in common with real "Benjamin J. Davis appears ing fight in the interests of the Communism, but solely because

> subordinate and sacrifice their struggle for the sake of supporting Wall Street's war. They echoed the capitalist propaganda Raise Demands that the imperialist war would bring "democracy" and "the four freedoms" to the oppressed peoples of the world, especially the Negroes in the United States.

"Contrary to those false promwhich have been relatively free "The fountainhead of race of such abominations. The Ne-

"Despite their lip-service to icy of collaboration with the capitalist class and its political agencies which has already had "Bilbo, Rankin, Eastland and such disastrous consequences for their cronies have used Congress the Negro people. The so-called as a forum to spread the most Communist Party long ago disvicious and provocative type of carded all the principles and anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti- practices of communism. The revolutionary struggle for a so-"To successfully combat the cialist society which holds out 'divide and rule' tactics of Big the only hope of salvation for Business and its political ag- the Negro people is championed ents," Comrade Simpson con- in this election only by the Trotcluded, "the unions must take skyist candidates: Farrell Dobbs

"We call upon the workers and

he is a Negro candidate on the resentation governing the councilmanic elections permits the voters to indicate their order of preference opposite the names

"For City Council vote for Louise Simpson Number 1, Ben-

# CIO Red Caps For Higher Pay

Special to THE MILITANT CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—Redcaps, dining-car and Pullman laundry per cent wage increase to adjust widespread wage inequalities among these low paid workers. The CIO United Transport Service Employes, to which the equal under State law, indiviworkers belong; sent a notice to duals can discriminate against more than 60 railroad companies asking that they set a date not conferences to open negotiations on the wage demands.

adjustment of wage inequalities, in detail. the union made a demand for a 15 cents an hour increase above the adjustment rates to off-set the rise in the cost of living. By adjusting wage inequalities the and the District of Columbia, it union seeks to increase the prescents to a minimum of 85 cents. The UTSEA-CIO is also demanding a reduction of hours for dining car workers from 240 hours to bar them from living on their week-with no reduction in take-

of the UTSEA-CIO, in announc- clauses. In most states "Negroes' ing the new wage demands dewage inequalities in the railroad California covenants restrict use descendant of above named per- with a pound of salt. industry exist among the low- of such property to "Caucasians" paid service employes, which in- in order to bar other races as well ployes and pullman employes. Today there is no real economic justification for this condi-MIRROR SWP GROWTH

tremendous rise in the cost of dians. In launching the October challenging Minneapolis and living during the war has virtu- A most far-reaching restric- able Negro attorneys. The present basic minimum wage rate of 57 cents per hour does not half way assure decent livfor this condition is a drastic revision of the basic wage structure of the industry."

14 Militant subscription cam- | winning with 825 subs to 253 for paign it is instructive and Minneapolis. In fact, West Side stimulating to review some led every other branch in the of our past campaigns country. through which we can observe the steady growth of total of 7,614 subs-more than

Communist League of America, we first took the road of an independent party. The Militant "cleared the decks" for a sub campaign in January, 1934. A goal of 1,000 new readers was set "for a limited time" on a special offer of 25 cents for six we launched a three months menths. Two and a half months campaign for 10,000 new readers. later we went "over the top" with 1.014 subs.

comrades were leading the great began and ended with National strike struggles of the Minne- Red Sunday mobilizations. The apolis truckdrivers. Mineapolis first Red Sunday brought in 1,challenged New York and tri- 526 subs; the last 3,430. Every umphed with 404 subs to New branch went well over 100 per York's 128. It wasn't until ten cent of quota. And a smashing tional. years later that New York "got total of 22,437 subs-more than

### MINNEAPOLIS LABOR CASE

In 1941 we launched another big campaign to see how many combination subscriptions to The Militant and the Fourth International we could get in two over 182. Akron challenged all lors at Newbiggin. At Scarboro months' time. Eight issues of The Militant and two of the Fourth per cent of their quota, asking and increased the vote from 800 International were offered at the special price of 50 cents.

This was the period when the government was preparing for Akron in the coming campaign? American entry into the Second World War. In the summer of 1941 came the FBI raids upon setters, the M. Y. Trotskyist the two world wars he is familiar the Twin Cities headquarters of Youth Group put 16 year old with the problems of the Tyne the Trotskyists and the arrests Ruth Grayson forward for na- workers." and convictions of our comrades tional Youth singles champion. in the famous Minneapolis Labor Ruth rolled up an impressive to-Case. This campaign wound up tal of 150 subs. But L. Leo of with 798 new combination subscriptions.

Two years later, the Roosevelt administration, in its wartime in the Senior singles with 859 witch-hunt against revolutionary subs. Jerry Kirk of Detroit came socialist ideas, cancelled The in second with 415. Militant's second class mailing TRAIL-BLAZERS rights. We fought this violation of freedom of the press so vigorously that the Post Office Department was compelled to restore our rights in March, 1944.

#### THREE-MONTH DRIVE

One week after this victory, we tion campaign offering a special for New York's earlier defeat by are on the march.

HOW SUB CAMPAIGNS

By Larissa Reed

The party averaged 662 subs a week and rolled up the grand the Socialist Workers Party. twice its goal of 3,000. And we Eleven years ago when, as the achieved this splendid score despite the fact that 18 of our leading comrades were imprisoned in Roosevelt's jails.

#### RED SUNDAYS

Coinciding with the release of our 18 comrades from prison, beginning February 25, 1945. We offered 26 weekly issues at the re-These were the days when our duced price of 25 cents. The drive double the goal-was rolled up in this campaign!

cockily: "Are there any takers?" At the close, this branch led all

Among the individual pace-Los Angeles came from behind to win with 185 subs. Mike Warren, West Side, N. Y., was top-man

Eloise Black and Rudy Rhodes, the pioneer Militant Trail-Blazers, set the pace for their trailblazing successors. In Allentown, Bethlehem, Pittsburgh and Rochester, they garnered 899 subs.

The past two campaigns, so launched a three month subscrip- successful despite wartime repressions, are an indication of price of 25 cents for 13 issues. what can be expected from our The branches entered into spirit- present Militant drive which ed competition with each other. takes place in a period when N. Y. West Side local made up workers throughout the country INTERNATIONAL

of the various candidates. jamin J. Davis, Number 2."

## Trotskyist Runs For Office In **British Election**

The British Trotskyists are running Herbert Bell for office in the Wallsend Ward election at Newcastle, according to the September Socialist Appeal, official organ of the Revolutionary Communist Party, British Section of the Fourth Interna-

Comrade Bell, declares the Socialist Appeal, "played a primary role in the building of the Labor Youngstown challenged Cleve- Party and the Independent Laland and won with 901 subs over bor Party, in several areas being 807. Philadelphia challenged the founding member. He was Bayonne and won with 285 subs one of the first Labor Councilthe other branches to achieve 500 in 1929 he was Labor Party agent to 7.600.

"Today he is a leading memthe others with 692 per cent. ber of the Revolutionary Com-Which branch is going to outpace munist Party in the North East. Having lived and suffered on Tyneside as a worker between

#### ADVANCE OWN PROGRAM

In their first election leaflet the Newcastle Trotskylsts declare that although they took active part in the fight for a Labor Government, they do not "believe that the Labor Party program is, or ever can be adequate to solve the major crises quirements. The mornings were which lie ahead, and while we tion against the capitalist system which the Labor Party takes, we will at every stage advance our own independent program."

## READ 'THE FOURTH

# Capitalist Legislation Fosters Race Ghettos

By Jean Simons (The Second of Two Articles) Any history of the drive to force Negroes into hell-holes like those which segregated Jewish people in Europe, gives the lie to what capitalist politicians say

about their wars. Established nationally during the First World War "for democracy" the drive to shove Negroes into ghettoes has grown by leaps and bounds during the Second World War "against ascism."

As we pointed out last week, the capitalist politicians got around the Fourteenth Amendworkers today demanded a 50 ment to the United States Constitution by legal trickery. Using the eld howl about "individual" rights they "illegally" decided that while all individuals are whom they please.

If you can't follow the reasoning, don't worry about it - it's tops in hypocrisy.

By the Second World War. many States had established seg-In addition to asking for the regation "laws" that varied only

In Alabama, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma is "legal" to bar Negroes from ent hourly wage rates from 57 buying or leasing property in "white" areas. In California, Virginia and Ohio it is "illegal" to bar them from buying property property once they have bought

There is also some variation in Willard S. Townsend, president the wording of the restrictive or "persons of African descent" cludes redcaps, dining car em- as Negroes. The first restrictive add up to one thing: Ghettoes. covenant suit in California (1892) involved a Chinese. In Los Angeles in June 1945, Judge Myron Westover ruled that prop-

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## ing standards . . . the best cure Midwest Vacation School for this condition is a drastic Midwest Vacation School **Inspires Stirring Report**

time, some comrades may have wondered whether it would equal their expectations. The first sight of the camp buildings on the wooded rise overlooking the blue waters of Little Pleasant Lake sixty miles from Detroit was reassuring. Then came, the warm greetings, the eager questions from the staff and the previously-arrived guests. And by the time the genial manager, NEW IDEAS Oscar Coover, with his omni-

felt at home.

#### socialism. BASIC COURSES

The program of activities was designed to satisfy these redevoted to courses on the theory better accquainted with the basic instructor explained the fundaon the blackboard. The more advanced courses on

Marxist philosophy and histor- placed the Trotskyist movement tween the comrades from various next July 1.

By William F. Warde | ical materialism gave worker- and their relations to it in Approaching the Midwest students a clear insight into the very different light. I recall a School and Camp for the first scientific foundations of social- few exclamations along this line. ist thought. Lectures on the his- "I never realized there was so tory of the Third and Fourth much to the socialist movement. Internationals critically reviewed I had a notion there was a lot the outstanding political events of theory behind Trotskylsm and class battles of the past from the way your members thirty years. These battles gave worked in my union but only birth to the Trotskyist movement, the sole authentic continuator of communism as taught of." Here is another. "I never wed., Fri. 7 to 9 p.m. and practised by Marx and Len- got beyond grade school. After

in and assigned you a room, you held in the evenings and some- From now on I'm going to keep It did not take long to dis- the most urgent problems of the to and I want to so I can keep cover how different the atmos- labor movement: the building of in step with the future of the phere of this working class camp a Labor Party, the tasks of the American working class." was from the profit-gouging en- militants in the unions, the sigterprises and "restricted" resorts nificance of the recent shift in catering to the well-to-do. Here the Stalinist line, the fight were men and women who had against Jim Crow and the weldsweated the year round in the ing of the alliance between the auto plants, the steel mills, the white and colored workers. had come not only to refresh in close connection with the potheir bodies with good food, pure litical work of the Socialist country air and healthful rec- Workers Party in all its phases reation but to stimulate their from recruiting new members to spirits and their minds through ways and means of getting more the education, congenial com- subscribers for The Militant. panionship, and enthusiasm to Through the clash of ideas, the be gained from a more conscious exchange of experience and the participation in the fight for pooling of information, workers with different backgrounds and from various unions and sections of the country felt themselves grow a head taller.

As the days went by, their tion to join the SWP. minds became more and more wholeheartedly support every ac- and history of the revolutionary purged of the false conceptions movement. Under the trees and prejudices implanted there

you work so hard for many years as I have, you get so far behind that you lose interest in learn-In response to the demands of ing. But the classes here have present pipe, had checked you the students discussions were opened up a new world for me. times on rainy afternoons on on studying socialism. I've got

One index to the educational stimulus imparted by the courses is the fact that \$273 worth of books and pamphlets were sold by the Pioneer bookstore in the ships and the shipyards. They These problems were considered camp canteen. In all 189 adults localities, between veterans and and 23 children attended. The newcomers to the movement. school ran for nine weeks, from LITERATURE SOLD

But the most valuable aspects selves. small groups of workers became by capitalist society. They as- of the Midwest School cannot similated the new, life - giving be registered in statistics. These School was so successful an eduideas of Trotskyism under the ideas of Marxism gratefully as are the intangible assets every cational enterprise. That is why direction of an experienced com- a growing tree absorbs the rain person there derived from per- its beneficial effects will be evirade. In a class held on the and the sun. They became con- sonal acquaintance and inti- denced for years to come in all wide windswept veranda another vinced that communism was the mate association with fellow-departments of party life. And hope of the world and only the fighters for socialism, knowing that is why so many comrades mentals of Marxist economics revolutionary road charted by them as individuals, as party- are already making plans to rewith the aid of simple diagrams the Fouth International could activists, as comrades. The turn with their friends and lead the workers to that goal. summer wove unbreakable ties shopmates when the Midwest These ideas and experiences of sympathy and solidarity be- School opens its third season

As A Man Thinketh . . .

can never be changed, if you are not convinced that it is

the rules, the regulations, the customs and the teachings

of society which mold a man's way of thinking and his

likes and dislikes, you should ponder a moment on the

'strange ways of white folks."

If you think racial prejudice is born in a person and

man can enter the kingdom of God in Heaven.

#### STRANGE EXPERIENCE

who states that he cannot con- ily as they are established.

economic security.

equality and justice for all," develop. Any successful fight against endments to the Constitution time that is the job to which he All these restrictive clauses the Jim Crow restrictions must and the sacred Bill of Rights is driven by economic necessity. are being openly violated in But you can bet that he knows

politicians and put in office same family as those whites of The only place where he is it out.

#### "NATURAL THING"

that they help carry it out daily tion of Society.

Take for example their de-9cidedly different way of think- is not nearly so significant as ing as far as the question of the fact that they consider all race is concerned. Look at how this to be the natural thing. To their outlook varies in different them, Negroes are supposed to parts of this country and how catch hell just as sure as the they are misinformed by the sun is supposed to rise on a sources of public information. | cloudless day. To them a "Nig-There are, without a doubt, ger" is just a dog and that is millions of white people through- as it should be. You can give out the North who do not even him a pat on the head when he know that such a thing as Jim licks your boots and wags his Crow exists. They have read tail but don't forget to dish out and have been taught that this to him a kick in the hindquaris a democracy in every sense of ters every now and then just to the word. They have no idea remind him that he is still a dog.

that a ten per cent segment of If you told them that all sciour population is mercilessly entific investigation has proved discriminated against and forc- that the black man is the equal ibly segregated into American of the white man in every reghettos. They do not know that spect, they would be convinced if your skin is the "wrong color" that you were "teched in the you can no more enter a down- haid." In fact, to state that a town theatre in the nation's cap- Negro is not a dog would elicit ital than "a rich man can enter about the same consternation in the kingdom of heaven" or to the average southerner as would come down to earth, than a poor & statement that there is no

#### TWO BELIEFS

Thus we see two entirely dif-Many Negroes have agreed ferent beliefs neither of which that this is one of life's strang- is based on the truth. In each est experiences. To go through case the individuals have come life living in terms of Jim Crow to accept as part of their "knowlevery moment of the day and edge" that which they had read then come North and meet a lib- and heard. These kinds of beeral small - town white person liefs can be changed just as eas-

ceive of such conditions even In the middle we have the Neexisting in this United States of gro who, even though he may be illiterate and may not have Because, you see, they have had the advantage of all the been indoctrinated to believe stack of scientific evidence to that way, they would swear on bear him out in his conclusion, a stack of Bibles that this IS in will yet instinctively know that truth and in practice the "land he is any man's equal if given of the free" and that there is the same chance to learn and

They would bet their bottom dol- He may "Yes Suh!" or "Yes lar that you were lying when you Mam!" all the white folks on say that the 14th and 15th am- the pullman train because at the America each and every day of and will say so to those he trusts, that he never once truthfully On the other hand let us take thinks that another man for all a look at the millions of white his fine clothes and his white

hom we just spoke who live in stymied is in finding the correct small towns in the North. Those program and the right people people of the "dear old South" who can help him realize the not only know that there is such truth which he holds within his a thing as Jim Crow but they mind. It will be a great day actively take a part in carrying when the Negro masses find the program of the Trotskyists, the program that will liberate them The fact that they know of and white workers too with the such a practice in America and inevitable Socialist reconstruc-

## Socialist Workers Party **Branch Activities**

ALLENTOWN-BETBLEHEM .- Public discussion meeting on current topics ev-ery Thursday, 8 p.m. at Militant Labor Ferum, S. E. corner Frent and Ham-

BOSTON-Office at 30 Stuart St., open evenings (except Sundays) until 9:30; also Monday and Saturday afterneons. Come in and get acquainted. Complete stock of literature. BUFFALO-Open house every Saturday night at the Militant Forum, 639 Main

CHICAGO... Visit the Chicago EWP head-quarters to obtain The Militant, Fourth International, Marxist books and pamphiets, as well as information about the SWP. 160 N. Wells, R. 317. Open

These experiences served to en-

July 1 to September 1. Most of rich the meaning of a revoluthe branches of the Socialist tionary party built on Leninist Workers Party were well repre- lines, a band of communist sented, with members coming fighters united on a national from as far west as San Fran- and world scale into a single discisco and as far south as Mem- ciplined and powerful army phis. New York City with 42, through their common ideas. Detroit with 33, Chicago with 28, program, and aims. Their deand Minneapolis with 14 sent the termination to play a worthy and most sizeable delegations. Eight responsible role in this emandisympathizers who were guests at pating movement and their abilthe camp signified their inten- ity to do so, was enhanced a hundred - fold. They left the camp with greater confidence in the party's future and in them-

That is why the Midwest

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day except Sunday. Fel. Dearborn 7562. Friday, Oct. 12, 8 p.m., Public meet-ing on Reconversion and the UAW; speaker, M. Bartell.

DETROIT—All Militant readers invited to the BWP Open House held every Saturday evening, from 8 p.m., on. Music, dancing, cards, refreshments, Admission free. Room 21, 3515 Wood-ward

ward.
Forums on topical questions every
Sunday 8 p.m. Refreshments. No
admission charge.
Basic Training Class in Fundamental
Principles of Marxiem every Thursday Setunday, October 13, October Bara Dence, music and program of suter-tainment.

LOS ANGELES.—Buy The Militant, 4th International and other Marxist books and pamphiets and get information about the SWP at the following places in the Los Angeles area: LOS ANGELES, Socialist Workers Party, Rooms 200-05, 232 S. Hill St. WA-1936. BAN PEDRO, Socialist Workers Party, 1008 S. Pacific. Room 214.

MILWAUKEE — Visit the Milwaukes branch of the SWP at its headquarters, 926 Plankington Ave., Room 21, any evening between 7 and 9:30 p.m.

NEWARK—Lectures are held every Fri-

NEWARK-Lectures are held every Fri-day at the Progressive Workers' School, 423 Springfield Ave., at 8:30 Friday, Oct. 12: 8p.m., "Impressions of a Country-wide Tour," by Grace Carlson.

PHILADELPHIA—SWF Headquarters, 405 W. Girard Ave. Open forums every Friday 8 p.m. on current topics. Socialist Youth Group meets on alternate Saturdays, 8 p.m. All young people invited.

PORTLAND, Ore.—Visit SWP headquarters, 220 S. W. Alder St., Room 508, open 1 to 4 p.m. daily except Sunday, and 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday.

Sunday, Oct. 21—"Unemployment.

How to Fight It." Speaker: C. M. Hesser, Saturday, Oct. 27, 7 p.m. Social. All Militant Readers invited.

SAN FRANCISCO—Visit the San Fran-cisco Behool of Social Science 305 Grant Ave., corner of Grant and Sutter, 4th floor: open from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

TOLEDO—Forums held every Sunday, evening at 905 Jefferson Ave., Room 306. 8 p.m. Open House every Saturday night; dancing, refreshments.

Militia Strikebreaking Practice

# Diary of a STEEL WORKER

By Theodore Kovalesky ...

It has been said that the rain falls upon rich and poor alike, but that is a lie. Nothing ever happens to rich and poor ALIKE. There is always a difference.

Autumn is here, and the dust of the steel towns has turned to a red-brown paste in the autumn rains. Rain pelts the pavement with a soft, monotonous murmur that rises to a hissing whine as the automobiles race by flinging water and mist in their wake. Great pools of dirty water lie in the hollows of broken sidewalks before the saloons, and little pools of somewhat cleaner

water grow beneath old, blistered ceilings that have seen too many

seasons without repair. Sheets of rain sweep across the vast lawns of the rich, soaking them, bending for a little while the soft shoots of thick, green grass. Raindrops hammer lightly at the great, bright windows of their drawing rooms so that the rich, sitting inside, hear the incessant murmur and are glad that they don't have to go out.

Paddy Noonan and old Stanley Kopera huddle their heads down into their coat collars, twisting their whole bodies as they peer down the street into the glimmering blackness watching for the bus to take them to work. They

look forward to a long night shift in the rain. Old Stanley, Stash, as they call him, coughs deeply and mutters to Paddy, "Ah, this goddamn rain. I get cold alla time when it rains like this!" Paddy shivers and nods his head. Then he sways his body leftward again, his eyes searching the dark, rain-shining street for the bus that will take them to the steel plant.

#### "They're A Bedraggled-Looking Lot"

A day or so of sunshine, and then more rain. The morning sky is gray as the long, low, sleek limousine glides up to the mansion. The Great Man steps gingerly out of the door in his well tailored trench coat and Stetson. The marquee shields him from the downpour as he enters the car. James lets out the clutch, and the car surges forward through the rain like a swift launch. The Great Man leans back in the warm upholstery. lights a cigar, and hums under his breath. The long sedan moves swiftly through the traffic toward the office, where James pulls up to the curb and helps the Great Man out. Rain drops spatter on the expensive trench coat for a brief moment, and then he's under the shelter of the building. But the Great Man has been outside long enogh to see the first part of the daily crowd of of the huge profits sweated out working men and women that come to the State Unemployment Office for their checks. "They're a bedraggled looking lot," the Great Man thinks to himself.

A shivering Italian with only a short leather jacket to protect him from the rain shuffles rather meekly into the elevator. 48 to 40 and the consequent loss hit upon a slick way of get-The Great Man wrinkles his nose and moves away from him, of overtime, the stockyard work- ting rid of the letters. thinking, "They ought to have a separate elevator for those unemployed." The Italian gets out at the third floor, and the Great stances the same take-home pay Man rides disgustedly up to the ninth to preside over his board they secured at the beginning of

Mrs. Otis Crawford, wife of a colored steelworker, hugs her shawl over her head and runs through the downpour all the way to the super-market. "Lord, Mrs. Smith," she says to a neighbor at the meat counter as the clerk wraps up her headcheese, "I sure hated to come out in this rain!"

'You should have sent your maid, Mrs. Crawford," says Mrs. Smith, and they both laugh a little as they start for the door. The Great Man's wife has a guest in her drawing room. With a malicious smile the guest says, "My husband was telling me those strikers have been out in the rain EVERY minute for fear some loyal worker would get into the factory. It would serve

them right if they all got pneumonia." The Great Man's wife is religious. "Yes," she replies. rain seems like a visitation, doesn't it."

The picket line is soaked to the skin, but the pickets walk their post, coat collars turned up. Mike says, "What the hell. if I was working, I'd be out in the rain anyhow," and Eddie answers, "Yeah, but it burns me up when I think of them damn executives sitting in their nice, dry offices trying to figure out how to bust this strike."

The rain falls steadily, growing constantly colder, for it is

## NEW HEIGHTS REACHED IN LABOR'S UPSURGE

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tried-and-true methods of ter-

rorism and violent strikebreak-

STRIKEBREAKING TERROR

Local and state armed forces

are supplementing the efforts of

But organized labor has tre-

the federal government. Mount-

Toledo and elsewhere.

of the war effort!"

(Continued from Page 1) during the war, while labor was rely solely on "voluntary" combound by the no-strike pledge, mitments for "industrial peace" compulsory arbitration and the -the presumed purpose of Truwage-freeze. Today take-home man's forthcoming governmentpay has been sharply cut. Labor capital - labor conference — is is fighting for higher wages to maintain its minimum living standards.

Many strikes, however, are di- time anti-labor curbs were just rected against corporations and temporary, Truman last week government union - busting, to showed that that is far from the preserve the very existence of case. unions or reinforce their bar-Big business and its governgaining power. The bitter Kelsey-Hayes strike fought direct ment intend to make perman- Ask Conference union - smashing. The present ent these "temporary" curbs. coal mine walkouts are to force Thus, Truman last week broke recognition of the bargaining the oil workers' strike with a rights of foremen and supervisory employes. fineries. Truman's order direct-

GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

The fiction that the government intends a kid-glove policy

#### New York Voters! YOU STILL HAVE TIME

TO REGISTER! October 10, 11, 12-5 p.m. to 10 p.m. October 13-

7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. WHO CAN VOTE?

All citizens who, on Election Day-....Are 21 years old or over ...Live in the state one year pre-

ceding election. ....Live in county, city or village for four months.

.... Live in election district, in which vote is offered, for 30 days.

Members of Armed Forces October 15 is the last day to mail application for war ballot. November 5 - Your war, ballot

should reach office of War Ballot Commission, Albany 1, N. Y. Before Noon

### Held In Chicago Stockyards fully armed troops of the state militia recently rolled into the stock-yard area of this city and treated the scores of thousands

packinghouse workers to a "dress rehearsal" of how the big packing interests and their political tools plan to resist the workers' demands for increased pay and better conditions.

On Sunday, September 23, shortly after the CIO Packinghouse Workers Union issued its demand for substantial wage increases and launched a campaign to extend its organization, the troops "took over" the stockyard area. They set up machine guns at all strategic points and entrances. Some of the troops advanced in armored cars. Others overran the district with bayonets at the ready.

They even entered one plant. All workers entering or leaving the area were halted and forced to show identification to prove they were employed in the stockyards or one of the packing plants. Although many of the militiamen in accordance with their instructions, refused to talk to the workers, some disclosed that they were out for practice in military strike breaking. One is reported to have said they were preparing for "race riots" because "there are too many blacks working in here."

NOT ACCIDENTAL All the circumstances of the timing and place of this strikebreaking demonstration prove that it was not accidental, but intended, as the indignant unionists charge, to intimidate the workers and threaten them with bloody reprisal if they should dare to fight for a greater share of the workers during the war.

Conditions in the packing industry here are notoriously bad. ers are now getting in most inthe war, although prices have skyrocketed since. In some cases, the workers are drawing wages for only 36 hours, the guaranteed contract minimum. Sentiment has been growing for strike action to force the packers to in-

UNION PROTESTS Union men and women who demand. throughout the yards ing an immediate apology from those responsible for this strikebreaking, terroristic threat. Naturally, company officials and Mayor Kelly, of Memorial Day (1937) Massacre fame, denied knowledge of what had transpired, while the army officials claimed this was just "ordinary" maneuvers and for only one day. But this is the first time such "maneuvers" have ever been staged inside the city at an an-

ticipated scene of action. The union held a protest meeting exposing the real purposes of the militia demonstration. A meeting of representatives of all packinghouse locals and the District Council also was held. Plans were laid to combat the threat. Thousands of leaflets explaining the real meaning of the "maneuvers" were distributed to speedily being belied. If the the workers, Individual and group protests are flooding the workers thought that the war-Mayor, Governor Green and President Truman,

## **Buffalo Unions** Special to THE MILITANT

BUFFALO, N. Y .- Two unions in this area, Local 501, United

Navy "seizure" of the struck re- Automobile Workers, CIO, and Local 2601, United Steel Worker of America, CIO, have recently passed resolutions calling for r national conference of all labo organizations to conduct a unittempts to impose tricky "concili- ed campaign to provide jobs and a decent living standard for workers and veterans. mands the workers might win

These resolutions indicate the growing resentment in the ranks of labor here at the failure of Congress to enact legislation to protect workers and their fami lies in the reconversion and postwar crisis.

This coincided with similar action taken by the UAW's naed police recently brutally rode tional General Motors Conferdown and clubbed the Parker ence in Detroit, representing strikers in Cleveland. Detroit more than 300,000 GM workers, police cracked the heads of un- which called for a united Conionists picketing a fascist rally. gress of American Labor to meet Troops engage in demonstrative in Washington to fight for a real strikebreaking drills in Chicago, program against unemployment

and wage cuts. The resolutions passed by the mendous power. It can win- two locals also call for a 30-hour provided it trusts only in its own week with no reduction in takestrength, refuses to permit its home pay, trade union wages hands to be tied by government for unemployed workers and vetagencies and back-room dealings, erans, and government operation and defends itself to the utmost of the idle plants under workers' against strikebreaking assaults. control.

# Giving A Good Tip To Scabs



Striking AFL street car and bus workers of Lancaster, Pa., on September 25 teach a lesson to six scabs who try to ride through a mass picket line at the Conestoga Transportation Company car barn. This determined strike has halted city transportation for nearly a month.

# G.I. Writers Of Protest Letters May Face Brass Hat Reprisals

enacting legislation to bring write him about his problems the troops back home, Wall With the reduction of hours from Street's Congressmen have

> Drew Pearson, in his column of September 28, reveals that 'Andrew J. May of Kentucky and other Congressmen" are sending "bushel-baskets of soldiers' mail . . . over to the War Department, where 400 WACs, who thought they enlisted to help win the war, now have to help the Congressmen's elections by answering soldiers' mail."

This might appear simply to were on the scene during the be a method of cutting civilian says Pearson. "Not only do they All a GI pours out to his Congressman about his superior of- answer'." ficers is spelled out in black and white for War Department per- in the process to soft soap the superior officer."

Letters to Congress pro- forces who writes his Congress testing the delay in demob- man is subject to court-martial. ilization are steadily mount- Thus a soldier who trusts a caping in volume. But instead of italist Congressman enough to may find his letter used in courtmartial proceedings as "evi-

#### SINISTER IMPLICATIONS

Consequently the brass hats are providing the Congressmen with efficient service. "Maj. Gen. Edward F. Witsell, Adj. Gen.," reports Pearson, "is taking great pains to do a good job for the Congressmen. The WACs work directly under him, and two are practicing his signature so allletters can be signed as by Wit-

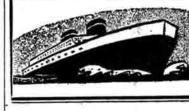
#### "GETTING VOTES"

At the same time, the Conmilitia demonstration immedia- stenographers out of jobs. But gressmen hope by this means to tunity to protest. "Col. William tely notified their union officials. there is a catch. "War Depart- impress the servicemen with M. Clarkson threatened to take petition was circulated ment brass hats are delighted," their diligence in "helping out" away all rank from any WAC their constituents, "The WACs make friends in Congress, but have been admonished to rethey get a chance to see who the member," says Pearson, "'You're trouble-makers are in each camp. getting votes for Senators and Congressmen whose letters you The brass hats do not forget

> usal and can be sent back to the Congressmen. "One officer, Capt. C. Bunn," declares Pearson, "ad-The sinister implications are monished the girls: 'Be careful clear. A member of the armed to be nice to Senators and Con-

> > Postwar Notes

for



# Seamen

block in Washington. The Mari- for old ships is set much above time Commission is determined their present value. to get these ships off its hands. That is why the "sale" of them is one of the biggest farces of recent years. Haggling over prices centers upon how little the ships shall go for, not what they are worth.

gress - the Senate Bailey Bill and the Bland Bill in the House -for the disposal of ships. If Washington to get rid of the these bills become law, Ameriean ship-"owners" will get their pick of the huge wartime fleet, which cost the American people a cool \$25 billion, for a list price on each ship of about half its prewar domestic construction cost. This "cost" price can then be paid by the ship-"owners" over a 20-year period out of "earnings." These so - called 'earnings" are in turn guaranteed by government subsidies paid to the ship-"owners" for operation of the ships.

old ships on a trade-in basis scrapping program." from U. S. nationals and authorizes the Maritime Commission to count the value of these ships

owned ships are on the auction worth, the trade-in allowance

The old ships that are now being offered in trade for new vessels were built at government exnense during World War I or during the period between wars. Title to them was acquired by the ship - "owners" through Two bills are now before Con- sleight - of - hand "sales" and construction subsidies similar to those now being proposed in present government-owned fleet.

There is general all - around agreement in Washington that only a fraction of the ships needed for war purposes can be used by the American capitalist class in its peacetime trade with other nations. Highest estimates place the figure at about 1,300. This is roughly one-fourth of the 5.000-odd ships used in the war. The Snyder letter to Senator Bailey states precisely what has been agreed upon as regards the 3,000 "expendable" ships: On September 25, John W. "All ships remaining unsold and Snyder, director of the Office not required for the reserve of War Mobilization and Re- should be tied up and scrapped conversion, sent Senator Bailey in an orderly scrapping program of the party's anti-Jim Crow a letter which exposes the frau- that would undoubtedly last over dulent character of the present a period of years." Thus, what World War" and "The Struggle ship "sale." Snyder says "the is not destroyed by war will be bill authorized the acceptance of destroyed in a more "orderly

Whereas the price of the new he had lost an eye in the war. | tributed.

## On Demobilization

"Despite all the whoopdeedo pines."

-The Progressive,

gressmen. They appoint generals'."

The WACs assigned to this work have been given no opporwho objected to doing the work because of its political nature,' Pearson reports. He adds that "The WACs have been given neatly mimeographed form letters which they must retype. One begins: 'Hon. Andrew J. May, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, has personally requested me to reply to your letter of recent date in which you asked concerning-.'"

The character of the mail flooding Congress can be judged from the remarks of Representative Byrnes of Wisconsin (Congressional Record, p. 8772):

#### FAMILIAR QUESTIONS "Are large numbers of men

and women being kept in the service today in order that high officers can obtain their tempo-Five thousand government-ships is fixed far below their rary rank and station? Are many men and women being kept in the service today in order to avoid unemployment problems? Are the services sincere in their statements that they want to reduce the number of their personnel to the point of actual need just as soon as possible? These questions are familiar to you. Members of Congress find them every day in their mail."

Representative Bunker of Nevada declared on the same day (Sept. 17): ". . . The unexplainable delay in demobilization has caused a wave of indignation among servicemen and their relatives that is approaching serious proportions."

Despite these remarks, however, the Congressmen are doing everything except speed up the process of demobilization.

## **New York SWP Continues Sales In Negro Areas**

Members of the Socialist Workers Party sold 800 copies pamphlets, "Negroes in the Post For Negro Equality," in a 45minute street sale Saturday night, September 29, in the Harlem and Bedford - Stuyvesant National Maritime Union of- areas of New York City. In adficials claim that U. S. Lines dition 3,000 copies of the SWP in Standard Oil, Edge has eneragainst the cost price of the tried to reject a veteran of this election platform and sample getically but unsuccessfully at- policy of having men hanging a-(new) ships that are being sold." war for a steward job because copies of The Militant were dis-

## Revealing Figures

fed the press on who will be discharged, if and when, the simple fact remains that on Sept. 1, according to the War Department's own figures, we still had an army of 8,050,000, or only 53,000 fewer men than on Sept. 1, 1944, when we had yet to cross the Rhine and still to approach the Philip-

Sept. 24, 1945

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 4.-The

to five per cent of normal. Two hundred and fifty stores of the down by the AFL Teamsters and Board, and who recently retired

The refusal of the Public Service Corp., the powerful utilities interests, to grant union recogincrease to 600 members of the Journeymen Plumbers & Steamfitters Union, AFL, has caused the stoppage of maintenance The loading and unloading of vessels at Port Newark has been brought to a halt as 10,000 membrought to a halt as 10,000 members of the International Longshoremens Union, AFL, extend- For Safe Loads ed the strike action of the New York longshoremen.

#### BIG INDUSTRIES HIT The five major oil refineries

in the area have shut down as more than a thousand members of the CIO Oilworkers Union walked out in support of their International's demand for a 30 work pending further negotiaper cent wage increase. Displaying their traditional fighting spirit, 6,000 Paterson textile workers have joined the strike movement for higher wages. Mass picket lines of 4,000 members of Locals 407 and 431, United Electrical & Radio Workers, CIO, who are demanding a two-dollara-day wage increase, have completely shut down the Thomas E. Edison Co. and the Monroe Calculating Co.

offensive the struck corporations whether they will be required have rallied behind Governor that night. Walter E. Edge, who has emerged as their chief strikebreaker. A reactionary politician who married into the Sewall family, influential shareholders the picket lines.

What great dignity the average human being has! When you consider how the capitalist system grinds his soul into little pieces, it's a wonder how even the littleness that is left still refuses to be dust.

With what tenacity and through what suffering a man will hold onto his position in life! How hard he will work for the extra dollar that means new furniture for his home, or sneakers and gym suits for the kids in school. And yet it would be so very easy to slip down a notch-take things slower-work for day-work instead of piece-work, or muddle along generally. In the labor gang you get \$6.24 per day. But it's often easy

to dog it on the job. A third helper on the blast furnace gets 90 cents more per day, and his job is just a red, smoky hell, But men rush to quit the labor gang and be third helpers at the first opportunity.

There are more expenses as a third helper. You have to eat heavier for one thing. You have to put double soles on your shoes so you can stand in the scorching slag runners and tear loose the leavings that have hardened in the trough. You have to buy gloves and shirts oftener. You're not very much farther ahead. And you work harder than any human being

But the third helper feels that he's doing a man's work. He's out of the labor gang! He's Bill or Ed or Jim-not "Hey you." He's with the same fellows every day. He works on the same job with them and begins to learn from them until the day he can hold his own with the rest of them.

#### What Would He Think of Himself?

He knows he'll never get much more money. But he works hard to keep his place and is careful not to slip back into the labor gang. What would the other fellows think of him if he did? What would he think of himself?

Some men are even anxious to be second helpers, although they have to work even harder than they did as third helpers. And the second helper gets only a lousy 40 cents per day more than the third!

But the second helper (he has to have anywhere from five to ten years' seniority) is an "old hand." He's a Man. The old timers don't figure he's just a fool for doing all that work. He's a blast furnace man, that's all.

When people can be so heroic in their daily lives and reach out so hard for the tiny comforts of capitalism, and set so high a price on the good opinion of their fellow workers, it gets you sore to hear Scissorbills say that people are not good enough for socialism

The wise guys try to say that under socialism we'll all lie around like beachcombers and lazily reach out a hand to pick a pineapple, or catch cocoanuts as they fall, etc., and do nothing else. We'll all turn into fat hogs, they say.

But even though a great many workers will deserve a year's rest living under the cocoanut trees, and even though we'll make such a rest possible for them under socialism, very few workers will want it.

And when they see that the steel they make is for their children to have a better life with, and not be shot to hell with -when they see that not just the furnace workers but all of soclety respects them—then they'll be prouder of their jobs than ever.

## Militant Strikes **Sweeping Jersey**

By Harry Robinson

wave of militant action sweeping the American labor move- man, "If the Governor feels that ment has struck this area with all existing democratic processes full force. Nearly 30,000 North have been exhausted in an ef-Jersey workers are on the picket lines defending their unions and wage standards against some of the most powerful corporations permit any dispute, to continue in the state. In a series of resolute actions, the unions involved fect the daily life of the state's are giving a mighty demonstra-

tion of the power of organized VEILED THREAT In a telegram to Walter E. Margetts, chairman of his Three thousand members of Local 184, Bakery Drivers & phony State "Mediation" Board. Salesmen's Union, with a de- Edge further declared "It is abmand for wage increases, have solutely essential that you inreduced Newark's bread supply sist that all workers return to their jobs immediately." Margetts, who serves as a A&P food trust have been shut "public" member of the State

Retail Clerks who are demand- as an employer member of the ing a union contract for the WLB, was forced to report back that every union that appeared company's warehouse workers. before him refused to return to work until they got a settlement! The New Jersey labor movement is on the march. The bosses will nition and a 10 per cent wage need more than their stooge Edge to stop it. and repair work on gas lines. Longshoremen

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In a veiled threat to use state

troopers against the strikers,

Edge declared through a spokes-

fort to bring about settlement

then he will act. He will not

which threatens to critically af-

olic Youth Organization hall, on 17th Street officials of Local 791 explained the situation to members of other locals, and then adjourned to their own meeting hall where the membership voted by a slim margin to return to

#### WHAT WORKER'S WANT

Besides the demand for a maximum safe sling-load the longshoremen are also demanding two instead of three shapeups per day, a minimum of four hours work for each period hired and double-time for all mealhours worked. The demand for two shape-ups, at 7:55 a. m. and 12.55 p. m., will make it possible for men hired for the night shift In the face of this powerful to know in the middle of the day

This demand, coupled with the one for a minimum of four hours work for each period hired, represents an effort to forestall the move of the companies to reinstitute the pre-war tempted to drive the workers off round the docks all day for an hour or two of work.